



# HOWDEN SCHOOL

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Dear Parent /Carer

As the summer exams draw nearer this is an important time for both students and parents/carers and we want to assure you that we are committed to doing all we can to help and support all of our students during this pressurised period.

In order to help you and your child prepare for the exams we thought that it would be helpful if we shared with you the arrangements we have put in place over the coming weeks to support your child at this time.

In order to provide students with the maximum amount of time with their teachers, **all students will remain in normal lessons until Friday 14 June 2019**. Research has shown that the traditional idea of 'Study Leave' has a very negative impact on student progress and does not benefit them. By that date the vast majority of GCSE exams will have already been completed. The expectation is that if students have an exam they will attend normal lessons before/after the exam has finished. Students will need to register in their normal tutor rooms.

## Pre-exam Booster Sessions

As part of the support package offered to all students this year we will be providing an extensive programme of pre-exam booster sessions in the Dining Hall. The purpose of these sessions is to:

- Focus the students on the exam
- Boost student confidence and provide support before going into the exam
- For those students who want it, provide food and drink to support sustained concentration during the exam
- Ensure students have the best possible start to the exam by providing them with key information (seat numbers, materials pens, pencils etc and last minute exam technique tips/reminders).

## Year 11 Leavers' Assembly

Finally, in celebration of the successful time your child has spent at Howden School, we would like to invite parents/carers to join with us in our Year 11 Leavers' Assembly, to be held at 2.00pm on Thursday 13 June 2019. Due to the capacity of the school hall and Health and Safety this will only allow us two parent/carers per student. This assembly will provide an opportunity to say an official farewell and to look back at some of the more memorable moments over the past five years. As such, it will be a very enjoyable occasion and we hope you will be able to attend.

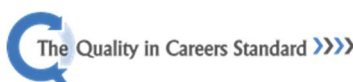
Please note that, when on site, Year 11 students will be expected to be in **full school uniform at all times** and this is also a requirement during examinations. Hoodies are not permitted to be worn during an examination. After Monday 17 June 2019 if students are staying after an exam, coming in before an exam or for study sessions will need to sign in at reception because registration will no longer be taking place but we need to know which students are on site.

We would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the staff and governors at Howden School to wish all our students the very best during the forthcoming examination season. We will be available to offer help and support and we hope that students take advantage of the remaining time to attend revision sessions and make use of the extra activities offered by staff in preparation for the exams.

Yours sincerely

Mr G Cannon  
Headteacher

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**HOWDEN SCHOOL, DERWENT ROAD, HOWDEN, DN14 7AL**  
**FAO: Reception**

Name of Student: .....

Tutor Group: .....

I shall/shall not attend the Leavers assembly on Thursday 13 June 2019 at 2:00pm.

I shall require ..... seats for the assembly (excluding student).

Signature: .....Parent/Carer

Date: .....

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**FAO: Reception**

Name of Student: .....

Tutor Group: .....

After Monday 17 June, I give consent for my child to attend school for their examinations and support sessions **only**.

Name of Parent/Carer:.....(please print)

Signature: .....Parent/Carer

Date: .....