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Dear Parents and Carers

Further to my letter sent out in March I am writing to remind you of how we organise our GCSE exams and also to advise you about what is happening at Danesgate on General Election day (8.6.17).

Year 11 exams and finish dates. All Y11 student have had final confirmation of their exam timetable. Study leave for Year 11s begins at the end of 26.5.17. The year Y11 timetable will continue to run pretty normally until end of May half term and key workers will explain what changes to timetables will take place after that.

Busy exam days. As I mentioned in my March letter there are some days when it is just not possible for us to accommodate all the Y11s who need to sit an examination at once as well as all the KS3 and Y10 pupils. The days that are affected in May are 12th, 17th, 19th, 25th. Lessons will run on these days but at slightly different times. I have written out to all parents/carers of KS3 to explain how we have had to make some changes to timings on the days when really big exams are scheduled. A lot of Y10s will actually be in the exams so they are already catered for but for some Y10s there will also be a knock on effect to their timetables on these busy days and key workers will ring parents/carers direct to explain changes that we have had to make to any timetables. I am very sorry to have to do this as I recognise it is very disruptive but I hope you will appreciate that we have no control over the timings of public examinations and we take a huge amount of care to make the exam experience as positive as possible for all students involved.

Polling day closure. I am very sorry but we have to close the school on **Thursday 8.6.17** as we are being used as a Polling Station for the General Election. The reasons behind having to close are to do with safety and safeguarding as members of the public have access to the main school site and building. If your son or daughter has a GCSE examination on this day, and a lot will as it is the day for GCSE Maths, then please be assured that this exam will run as normal and there will be staff on duty at all points to support students around the site. Students are reminded that they must come and go via the side gate as this will help us stay away from the Polling Station. If your son/daughter is at Rossmoor Grange, The Boxing Club, The Woodland Project (Ad Astra) Toolbox or Country Classroom then their timetable will run as normal on those days.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns or queries.

Best wishes.

**Patricia Head (Mrs),
Headteacher**

