

4<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Dear Year 11 Students and Parents,

### **Year 11 Study Leave – Change to start date**

As you know, the number of COVID cases nationwide remains high and this is reflected in higher than usual absence rates among the student body at RGS. In the run-up to the GCSEs, our priority is to continue to follow government guidelines and do everything we can to look after the health of our students and ensure they are ready to take their public exams.

With this in mind, we have decided to bring forward the start of Year 11 study leave. **Year 11 students will therefore begin study leave at the end of school on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May**, five calendar days earlier than originally planned and more than a week before the first written exam on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May. Students with German, Spanish and French oral exams during the week beginning Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May are expected to come into school in uniform for the appointed time. They can leave the site immediately afterwards.

Our aim in bringing study leave forward is to reduce the spread of infection and ensure our students are in the best possible health for their GCSE exams. Year 11 teachers will continue to be available online at scheduled lesson times during study leave to give students the support they need.

Kind regards,

**James Eve**  
**Director of Studies**