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Dear Parents,

Calendar Change: Key Stage 3 and Year 10 Exams

After careful consideration, we have decided to make a change to our published calendar. This change affects the scheduling of the Year 10 and Key Stage 3 Exams as we have switched the weeks that they will take place, moving the Year 10 examinations one week earlier and the KS3 examinations one week later.

Foremost in our reasoning is the busy half term ahead for our Year 10 students, who will undertake their work experience placements, sit their exams and, in some cases, attend school trips overseas or field trips relating to their GCSE courses. Taking their examinations a little sooner will allow their teachers to spend more time reviewing their answers with them, engaging in dialogue and providing the constructive feedback that is so critical as students prepare for their final year with us at Tarleton Academy.

The new dates for the exams are as follows:

- **Year 10** - From Monday 17th June until Wednesday 26th June
- **Years 7, 8 and 9** - From Monday 1st July until Thursday 4th July

A full timetable for the Year 10 exams is attached in order to allow students to prepare ahead of time, but we would like to stress the importance of striking a balance between revision and relaxation over the coming half term holiday. The timetable for Key Stage 3 exams will be distributed to both students and parents after half term. The calendar on the school website has been updated to reflect the changes.

Thank you for your continued support and for your understanding in this matter. If you have any further questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours faithfully,

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