

April 2024

Dear Year 11 Parent/Carer,

### Reference: Year 11 Exams

Our Year 11 cohort have been working extremely hard this term and we are immensely proud of the incredible effort and resilience they have shown. The final GCSE examinations begin shortly, therefore independent revision is now of paramount importance. We advise that all students have a personalised revision timetable to suit their exams and should try to study in a quiet area that does not have any distractions for them.

In addition to this, we will be providing **'Warm Up and Booster Sessions'** for students before each of their exams. Attendance to these sessions is absolutely crucial as it will ensure that knowledge and exam skills are fresh in student minds right before they enter the exam room and will allow them to be focussed and achieve highly. School data shows that students who have the highest attendance at this time of year, go on to achieve higher results!

Further information and useful videos regarding final studying tips and managing stress during this period, can be found at [Exams and revision - Study support - BBC Bitesize](#) . Our parent support webinars, provided by Elevate Education, are also still available to view at [Register your place in our parent support series \(elevateeducation.com\)](#) .

On the day of each exam, we have bottles of water and cereal bars available for students, as well as our regular offer of free breakfast food in the canteen, available from 8:30am each day.

### JCQ Exam Procedures

The Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) ensures that strict examination rules are applied to all students across the country. Please ensure you have discussed the following with your child:

- Mobile phones, watches and earpods are not allowed in the exam room at all (**including not in bags**)
- Students must be on time and enter and exit the exam venue in silence
- Students must not communicate with each other in any way (including non-verbal communication)
- School uniform must be worn at all times
- Clear pencil case and drink bottle (no labels)

Further information for students can be found at: [IFC-Written Examinations 2324 Revision One FINAL.pdf \(icq.org.uk\)](#).

### Year 11 Final Arrangements

Study Leave:

Educational research has proven that students perform better in exams when they are attending regular, structured revision sessions with their experienced teachers, therefore students will be expected to attend school as per their normal hours for the first four weeks of their exams. From **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June onwards**, some students will have finished a number of their courses, therefore they will only be expected to attend school if they have a scheduled booster session or an exam remaining.

**Celebrations:**

Year 11 students are invited to join us for a **Leavers' BBQ on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2-4pm**, to celebrate finishing their exams. The **Prom is also booked for Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July**, so please ensure your child has purchased their ticket, ready for a fantastic evening.

**GCSE Results' Day:**

Results will be available on the morning of **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August from 9:30am until 11:00am**. If your child is unable to collect their results from the school on this day, they will be posted home.

**Pre-loved Uniform and Equipment:**

If your child has any spare uniform or revision guides to donate, please could they drop them at Student Reception so younger year groups can make good use of them.

I am sure we can count upon your support in making these final weeks a positive and supportive experience. I wish all students the very best of luck with their examinations and encourage them to 'dream big and aim high'!

Yours sincerely,

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