

April 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 11 GCSE Exams

Final GCSE examinations begin shortly, therefore please find enclosed a copy your child's personalised exam timetable. Please note that the last day of compulsory attendance for the whole year group is Friday 16th June 2023. There are still a few exams which take place the following week and students taking these subjects, will need to remain attending until these are completed.

Revision is now of paramount importance. We advise that all students create a personalised revision timetable 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. This 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.

We enclose our intervention timetable for the Summer term and are inviting all Year 11 students to make use of our canteen as a café/ workspace between 3-4pm every day where refreshments will be available along with revision support from staff.

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. In addition, we recommend the following equipment in preparation for the exams:

- Black pen x2
- Highlighter
- Scientific calculator (lid removed)
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Protractor
- See-through pencil case
- Clear water bottle

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 and watches are not allowed in the exam room at all (**including not in bags**)
- Students must enter and exit the exam venue in silence
- Students must not communicate with each other in any way (including non-verbal communication)
- **Full school uniform** must be worn at all times.

Year 11 Final Arrangements

Celebrations:

Year 11 students are invited to join us for a Leavers' BBQ on Friday 23rd June, 2-4pm, to celebrate successfully finishing their exams. The Prom is also booked for Thursday 13th July, so please ensure your child has purchased their ticket in full, ready for a fantastic evening.

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.

GCSE Results' Day:

Results will be available on the morning of Thursday 24th 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.

I am sure we can count upon your support in making these final weeks a positive and supportive experience. We wish all students the very best of luck with their examinations.

Yours sincerely,

Miss A Raeburn
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