



Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

The Year 11 Summer GCSE examinations period starts on Monday 16th May. Normal lessons will continue to run alongside scheduled examinations and all pupils are expected to attend these lessons up to Friday 27th May. Although we believe that the best place for the majority of our pupils to prepare for such examinations is at school, we accept that situations will vary for each individual. Therefore, from Monday 6th June, we invite pupils and parents/carers to make their own revision arrangements in the way that best suits them.

Throughout the exam period, classes will continue to run for all subjects where an examination has still to take place. Teachers will continue to prepare revision material for these subjects and we strongly encourage pupils to attend. Classes in which all of the examinations have taken place will be set aside for quiet study and pupils will be required to have work of their own to carry out. When a pupil is in school he/she will therefore either be in an examination or in a classroom with a teacher. Pupils will be expected to follow all normal codes of conduct and dress.

Your child must attend school when they have a GCSE examination. If they have a morning examination they must be in school by 8.45 a.m. If they have an afternoon examination they must arrive by 12.30 p.m. This year, there will be a 20 minute “warm-up” lesson led by their subject teacher prior to every exam. All pupils have been issued with a personalised examination timetable and should be aware of the start times, including arrangements for examination clashes and for longer examinations when the start times may alter.

On Monday 13th June, the Modern Foreign Language department will deliver a two-hour workshop aimed at preparing pupils for their upcoming French writing exam. All pupils are in school that morning for their Maths paper 3 exam and all pupils who study French are expected to remain in school to attend the session. This 2-hour workshop is a vital part of our exam preparation process and as such is compulsory for pupils to attend. By this point of the exam’s series, pupils will not have had a French lesson in more than four weeks so it is essential that students are given a refresher session to boost their chances of achieving their best grade.

All pupils are in school on Thursday 23rd June for their final GCSE exam and this will be their last day as year 11. Following the exam, there will be a short assembly and pupils will have the opportunity to say goodbye (at least for the summer) to their base tutor, subject teachers, other staff and fellow pupils as well as collecting their leaver’s books and hoodies. We request that pupils bring in any remaining books or other school property on this day. All pupils should arrange to leave the school grounds no later than 12.15 a.m.

I should like to take this opportunity to wish all Year 11 pupils every success in their forthcoming examinations.

Yours sincerely,

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