



Dear Parents & Carers

### Year 11 Key Dates & Important Information

Much of the information below has already been shared in previous communications, however, we felt that it would be useful to repeat the messages as many of the dates mentioned are rapidly approaching.

#### The Summer Term

Students will be in lessons throughout this half term, during the first four weeks there will be the occasional exam. However, as we enter the final two weeks of the half term (May 15<sup>th</sup> onwards), the frequency of these exams will increase. During this two-week period, we will follow the same format that the students experienced in their mock exams.

- For AM exams which always start at 9am, students will register at 8.35am as normal and then attend a timetabled booster session before their exam, after the exams students will return to lessons
- For PM exams which always start at 1pm, students will have lunch in A3 at 12.30 before lining up for their exams at 1pm. (In many cases a booster will be timetabled for period 3). Students will depart school early following a PM exam rather than return to lessons

After the half term break, Year 11 students will only be required to attend school for their exams. However, should they wish there will be the opportunity for silent independent study in the LRC if students want to use this space for their studies.

#### Exam Timetables

A copy of the exam timetable and the booster sessions is attached to this letter, however, should you misplace or need additional copies it can also be found on Satchel.

#### Exam Regulations

Attached to this communication is a copy of the exam rules and regulations, whilst it is important that everyone has read this document to fully understand the process and avoid any issues, I will draw your attention to some key points.

- Uniform – students are expected to attend all examinations in full school uniform, which includes their blazer. Students that arrive inappropriately dressed will be denied entrance to the exam. Your support is essential regarding this point, so that students do not put themselves in a difficult position on the day of their exams.
- Equipment – students will be aware that their exam stationary should be within a clear pencil case and include a spare black pen. Specialist equipment is required for some examinations such as maths. A calculator should be brought to all science exams and the maths calculator papers.
- Phones and watches – Phones and smart watches are not permitted within the exam hall and should therefore be handed in before entering. This is very important – if a phone or smart watch is found once the exam is started, the school MUST report this to the exam board. There is then the chance that they may cancel your exams.

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- Drinks – please remember that no food is allowed in the exam hall and only water in a clear plastic bottle (labels removed).

### Celebration Assembly & Prom

As there is no exam scheduled for the afternoon of the 26<sup>th</sup> May, we will take the opportunity to hold a last formal assembly, a celebration assembly. Therefore, students will have the opportunity for shirt signing at morning break on this day, followed by the assembly period three – year 11 students will then depart for their half term break at approximately 12.30pm.

As you are no doubt already aware the year 11 prom is scheduled for the evening of the 30<sup>th</sup> June, we hope that as many students as possible are able to join us in what is an excellent way to celebrate the end of the exams, before enjoying a well-earned and restful summer break.

### Afterschool Support sessions

Good numbers of students are consistently taking advantage of the support sessions after school, the days on which these occur are outlined below. These revision sessions or afterschool support – should not be thought of as extra lessons. Having studied for their GCSEs for two years, it's not a few extra lessons that will make a difference. What will make a difference is students having developed their independent study skills – the bulk of which will take place at home, ideally in a quiet distraction free place. The support sessions in school are to supplement this independent study, indeed the way in which these sessions are used best, is when students that have been working at home bring with them questions or aspects of work, they have found difficult.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Business French Geography Spanish Sports Science	Computing D.T History RE* Science	Business D.T English Maths Music# Spanish Sports Science	Staff professional development sessions	Maths Sociology

# Please note that music support is also available every lunchtime in M2.

\*RE support is also available Tuesday lunchtimes.

### Contingency day

The contingency day is in the event of national or significant local disruption to exams in the United Kingdom, being part of the awarding bodies' standard contingency planning for exams. Students need to be available for rescheduled exams on the following dates. 8<sup>th</sup> June, 15<sup>th</sup> June and 28<sup>th</sup> June.

Kind regards



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