

Dear Parents / Carers,

Please find attached the Year 11 special timetable which tells students what to do during the exam period. Up until 10<sup>th</sup> May most of Year 11 will simply follow their normal school timetable, but after this date there are some changes to be aware of.

From May 13th -May 17th

Students will be in lessons as usual if they don't have an exam.

From Monday May 20th - Wednesday May 22nd

Year 11 students who do not have an afternoon exam will be allowed to go home to revise from lunchtime which is at 12.15pm. You will note that on the day where there is a morning or afternoon exam the students are asked to attend a "booster" session. For morning exams the booster session will start at 8.00am and for an afternoon exam the booster session will take place during Period 3. The rooming and staffing for the boosters can be found in reception, student services and on the exam board under the link. Students who do not have an exam simply follow their normal school timetable up until lunchtime.

# From Thursday May 23rd

**All** Year 11 students will be granted **full study leave** and need only come into school for booster sessions and exams.

We would just like to take this opportunity to explain a few things to ensure students and parents have absolute clarity of expectations over the coming weeks:

## **Uniform:**

Students are asked to wear full school summer uniform, including school shoes to each exam. School, rules do not change during the exam period.

## **Exam times:**

Morning exams are scheduled to start at **9.00am**. Students are asked to attend boosters which start at **8.00am**. The very latest a student should arrive is 8.45am.

Afternoon exams begin at **1.15pm**. Boosters for afternoon exams start at **11.15pm**. The very latest a student should arrive is 1.00pm.

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## **General advice:**

- 1. Try to get a good night's sleep. Staying up too late to do "last minute" cramming will not help the next day if you are too tired to concentrate. Plan your revision for each exam well in advance.
- 2. Keep hydrated water is best. Avoid "energy" drinks with high levels of caffeine.
- 3. Arrive in plenty of time. There is nothing worse than arriving stressed and panicked. Allow plenty of time to get to school so that you are calm and can begin to focus.
- 4. Do not skip breakfast. You need to set yourself up for the day, particularly if you have a morning and an afternoon exam.
- 5. Be organised have spare <u>black</u> ink pens and any equipment required for the exam. Know your seat number and candidate number don't leave this to the last minute. Be on time!

## **Half Term Revision**

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May: Geography 9am – 11am

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May: History 9am – 12pm

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May: Maths 9am – 12pm

We continue to be impressed by the commitment of our Year 11 students; we feel they are putting in a good deal of effort and achieving some excellent improvements through their dedication and hard work. We will encourage them to keep this up and to build on this as we move towards the exams. In the words of Mo Farah "Don't just dream about it ......train for it". We all dream of fantastic results, but we also know we must prepare and train for the real thing if we want our dreams to come true! We feel that Year 11 have worked hard and deserve to do well. We are sure you will keep monitoring, supporting and encouraging your child/children over the exam period and encourage them to have a positive mind-set and to try their very best.

We wish each and every one of our Year 11 students well and encourage every single one of them to continue to work hard, aim high and to make the most of the time available to ensure they do their very best this summer. We have every confidence they will do themselves proud and we look forward to welcoming them back to the 6<sup>th</sup> Form next year.

Best wishes

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