

8 May 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

### Important Year 11 Exam Information

Firstly, an enormous thank you for all your support and hard work in getting your child/ward to the end of their 11-16 education. Almost all students are approaching their exams with maturity, and we hope they will reap the rewards of this in each exam they sit. We wanted to get in touch with important updates and information regarding exams and the Year 11's final day of school. Please read the below points:

- 1) As you are aware, exams start on Thursday 9 May 2024 and we want to do all we can to support students through this time, which can be stressful and challenging. From Monday 13 May 2024, Year 11 students will return to their original forms; that is, the forms they were in prior to moving to intervention groups in February. We have made this decision for two key reasons:
  - To allow students to productively revise for their most pressing and upcoming exams (students will continue to have access to past papers and revision resources from the library to help make this time productive).
  - To support students pastorally in their final 3 weeks of term with tutors that know them well and can help/signpost them to support.
- 2) Year 11's will be leaving us on Friday 24 May 2024 and will be a half day for all of them. After the morning exams have finished, Year 11 will go to their Period 3 lessons as normal until 11:10 am, at which point their teachers will escort them to the astro. Here students will have the opportunity to sign jumpers and T-shirts and have refreshments until around 11:45 am when students will be sent home from school.
- 3) After the half term break, students will only be attending school to sit their exams, so please keep encouraging and supporting them from home as much as possible so the momentum they have built up over the last few weeks continues. They are still welcome to contact their teachers directly for any help or support they might need.

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- 4) In order to support students further, we will be hosting revision breakfasts for some of our larger exams. In short, these are an opportunity for subject leaders and teachers to remind students of key points for the forthcoming exam and clarify any misunderstandings just before students go into the exam. Students can come in to school early, have a free breakfast to fuel them up for the exam (either pain au chocolate or flapjack breakfast bars, depending on the day) and listen to twenty minutes or so of last-minute reminders, then have some time to prepare themselves for the exam.

Revision breakfasts are available at the following dates/times:

- **Friday 10 May 2024:**                    **Biology in the Atrium from 8:10 am**
- **Monday 13 May 2024:**                **English Literature in the Atrium from 8:10 am**
- **Wednesday 15 May 2024:**           **History in the Atrium from 8:10 am**
- **Thursday 16 May 2024:**              **Maths from 8:00 am in the Maths department**
- **Friday 17 May 2024:**                 **Chemistry in the Atrium from 8:10 am**
- **Monday 20 May 2024:**                **English Literature in the Atrium from 8:10 am**
- **Wednesday 22 May 2024:**          **Physics in the Atrium from 8:10 am**
- **Thursday 23 May 2024:**              **English Language in the Atrium from 8:10 am**
- **Monday 3 June 2024:**                 **Maths from 8:00 am in the Maths department**
- **Thursday 6 June 2024:**              **English Language in the Atrium from 8:10 am**
- **Monday 10 June 2024:**               **Maths from 8:00 am in the Maths department**
- **Tuesday 11 June 2024:**              **Chemistry in the Atrium from 8:10 am**

Please note that the advertised breakfast is subject to change dependent on availability from suppliers.

- 5) In addition to this, after the half term break, as some students will struggle to come to school later in the day for an afternoon exam and will need to arrive first thing, we are making a study room available for quiet revision before afternoon exams. The room available is likely to change from period to period, and so the week's study rooms will be printed out and displayed in Reception each week. In order to use the study rooms available, students will need to sign up in advance using the following link: <https://forms.office.com/e/8YDzHP0VHb> to indicate on which occasions they need to use the room.
- 6) Finally, just a polite reminder that all students must be in their school uniform for the duration of the exam period. This is to allow staff invigilating the exams to quickly confirm that no one is wearing any item of clothing that may break JCQ, Ofqual or awarding body rules. Any students in the incorrect uniform risk being turned away to change and therefore are likely to miss at least some of their exam.

When it arrives, I hope you and your family enjoy a restful and sunny half term break.

Yours faithfully



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Head of Year 11