



Thursday 27th April 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Arrangements: Year 11 Study Leave

The external GCSE examinations are approaching upon us after a productive start to the summer term. Attendance to the Easter revision sessions was positive and teachers have fed back about how engaged students were and what a positive impact this additional time has had to support students with their examination preparation.

To further support Year 11s in their preparation for their examinations, they will be granted study leave from **Friday 12th May 2023** onwards.

I will communicate the expectations around study leave in full to Year 11 students during our weekly assembly this week (28th April).

However, please find a summary of these expectations outlined below:

- For morning examinations, students are to be at their examination venue by **8.30am**, adhering to the line-up requirements and wearing correct full school uniform. The Year 11 pastoral team, subject teachers and the Senior Leadership Team will be present to support and register attendance before students are escorted into the examination hall.
- For afternoon examinations, students are to be at their examination venue by **1.15pm**, adhering to the line-up requirements and wearing correct full school uniform.

In the instance a student has a morning and an afternoon examination in one day, they would go to their normal timetabled lessons in between those exams. In this lesson time, students will either undertake revision for the subject of that timetabled lesson as they are still to complete all examinations, or; undertake independent revision for upcoming examinations if all examinations of that timetabled subject are completed.

For students who only have a morning examination that day, they are free to go straight home upon completion of this exam to continue revising at home for further upcoming examinations.

At the end of an afternoon examination students will be free to go straight home.

Those students studying a BTEC qualification will need to continue to be in school to receive support from their teachers and working independently at home to complete any outstanding coursework until everything has been submitted. The final deadline for grades to be submitted is the end of June.

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Attendance to all exams, to include being on time, is a requirement of all students to ensure the external examinations run smoothly for all students. As a parent/carer I politely remind you that it is your responsibility for making sure your child attends all of their timetabled examinations on time.

Pre-Exam Preparation Sessions

In addition to the wider support of exam leave, I'm delighted to announce that the school will be open early on the following dates of large-cohort exams. Cereal Bars and Breakfast Juices will be served to students in the Drama Foyer Hatch during 7:45am – 8:20am to help prepare them for their morning examination of that day.

Tuesday 16 th May	Monday 5 th June
Wednesday 17 th May	Wednesday 7 th June
Thursday 18 th May	Monday 12 th June
Friday 19 th May	Tuesday 13 th June
Monday 22 nd May	Wednesday 14 th June
Wednesday 24 th May	Thursday 15 th June
Thursday 25 th May	Friday 16 th June

In the meantime, I would like to wish all of our Year 11 students the very best for their forthcoming GCSE examinations. They should be proud of their hard work to date and the positive, resilient attitude they have demonstrated throughout the past two academic years.

Yours faithfully



Mr Olli Boyde
Head of Year 11