



Dear Parents/Carers,

## Year 11 Revision and Study Leave Arrangements

Firstly, thank you so much for all your support over this past half term. With the Year 11 mock results, Parents' Consultation Evening and a number of NEAs in various subjects, it has been a challenging six weeks. However, there has been a noticeable shift as students have responded to the outcomes and feedback from the mock exams. I have been very impressed by the maturity that they have shown in relation to their studies.

## March Mock Exams

After half term, there will be another set of mock exams. These will only be on core subjects (English, Maths and Science). The timetable is below:

Date	Time	Subject	Duration
Monday 10th March	Period 1 & 2	Maths non-calc paper 1	1hr 30 mins
	Period 3 & 4	English Language	1 hr 45 mins
Tuesday 11th March	Period 1 & 2	Maths calc paper 2	1hr 30 mins
	Period 3 & 4	Physics Combined & Separate	1 hr 15 mins Comb. 1 hr 45 mins Sep.
Wednesday 12th March	Period 1 & 2	Chemistry Combined & Separate	1 hr 15 mins Comb. 1 hr 45 mins Sep.
	Period 3 & 4	English Literature	2 hr 15 mins
Thursday 13th March	Period 1 & 2	Maths calc paper 3	1hr 30 mins
	Period 3 & 4	Biology Combined & Separate	1 hr 15 mins Comb. 1 hr 45 mins Sep.

Please ensure that your son/daughter is using their half term effectively, both to rest and recuperate as well as to prepare for these final mocks. I have attached a template to help schedule when they will be revising during the week.

During the 4 days of exams, students should still bring in resources for p5 lessons. These teachers will want to use this time to prepare for the final GCSEs in the other subjects.

## Final Exams and Study Leave

The first written GCSE exams take place on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May (Drama and Business). There will also be MFL speaking exams as well as Art, Photography and Graphics exams before this. Students will already be aware of the dates of these.

As normal, Year 11 will remain in school to study during the first weeks of the exam period. This is the same routine which they have become used to during their December mock exams, and which will be replicated during their upcoming March mocks as well. When they are not in an exam, all students will be supervised by their class teachers to study silently in classrooms. They will be allowed to listen to music through headphones and can bring in their own devices (e.g. laptops) if they wish to use them.

After the half term break, students will be on "Study Leave". This means that they need only come to school when they have an exam and may study at home at other times. It is vital that, from Monday 3rd June onwards, your son/daughter checks their exam timetable carefully so that they attend school on the days they have exams. These will be sent out after half term. During this time your son/daughter is welcome to revise in school. There will be a quiet, supervised space for them to use.

These arrangements are like previous years and are specifically designed in the context of the pandemic's impact on the students' education and through consultation with other outstanding schools. We firmly believe that this provides the best environment to prepare each Year 11 student for their exams. It also supports parents/carers with transport arrangements as the students will be able to use the usual school bus service for the vast majority of their exams.

We have also taken into account the congested nature of the exam period, during which most students will have an exam almost every day. Below is a summary of some of the key dates:

- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May – Year 11 Celebration Assembly (P4 and P5)
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May – GCSEs begin (Drama – AM and Business – PM) Students remain in school to study.
- Monday 26<sup>th</sup> to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Half Term. No GCSE Exams
- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Study Leave begins
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June – GCSE exams resume (Maths Paper 2)
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June – Last GCSE exam (D&T: Product Design)
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Year 11 Prom (Quinton Railway Museum)
- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June – Exam Contingency Day (*In the unlikely event of major national disruption to an exam, this day is used instead. All students should be available on this day if such an instance were to occur*).

Thank you, once again, for the ongoing support that you provide for your son/daughter. Mr Dipple and I will be in touch again with further information in the final run to the GCSE exams.

Warmest regards,

Charlie Cahill  
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