

May 2020

Dear Parent / Carer

As I am sure you're aware the summer exam season will commence for Year 11 from Monday 16th May. Whilst students may understandably feel nervous, a feeling shared by many parents, I can share that students have been excellent in their exam preparation and can go into these exams feeling confident and extremely well prepared.

Whilst the majority of exams take place from the 16th May, some assessments have already taken place and are on-going this week. Again, students have performed extremely well and their conduct towards them has been exemplary.

Students have now received their personal exam timetables and seating plans and further copies can be made available for parents / carers if you would like them. Students receive a personalised version as not all students sit all qualifications, but we have included an overview below of all exam dates for your guidance.

Date	AM/PM	Qualification
Mon 16th May	PM	Computer Science
Tues 17th May	AM	Biology
Wed 18th May	AM	English Language
Thursday 19th May	AM	History
Friday 20th May	AM	Maths
Mon 23rd May	AM	Geography
Wed 25th May	AM	English Literature
Thurs 26th May	AM	Spanish
Friday 27th May	AM	Chemistry
Friday 27th May	PM	Computer Science
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Tues 7th June	AM	Maths
Tues 7th June	PM	Geography
Wed 8th June	AM	English Literature
Thurs 9th June	AM	History
Thurs 9th June	PM	Physics
Fri 10th June	AM	English Language
Mon 13th June	AM	Maths
Tues 14th June	AM	Geography
Wed 15th June	AM	Biology
Wed 15th June	PM	Engineering
Thurs 16th June	AM	History
Fri 17th June	AM	Spanish
Fri 17th June	PM	Polish
Mon 20th June	AM	Chemistry
Mon 20th June	AM	Food
Thurs 23rd June	AM	Physics
Mon 27th June	AM	Polish
Wed 29th June	AM	Business

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Throughout the year, we have implemented a range of interventions and support mechanisms around the usual timetable to support learning, wellbeing and maximising performance. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all families who attended our recent Year 11 revision evening and the support you have been providing from home.

As we go into the exam season, we have a number of initiatives that we encourage students to take full advantage of these include;

### **Booster timetable**

We have devised a modified Year 11 timetable that provides exam booster lessons for the subject that they're about to be examined in directly before each exam. This enables working with their subject teachers on the content that will be covered in the exam right up until walking into the exam rooms.

The timetable has been devised from Friday 13th May for preparation for the Computer Science exam through until the Business exam on the 29th June. Students must attend every day through the exam season. We will share further details of students' final days in the academy as they complete their final exams in the near future. We will also share further information about the students leaving and celebration events.

### **Lunch arrangements**

We have modified the Year 11 lunch-time, bringing their lunch forward to 12:00 and sitting as a year group on their own. This is to support afternoon exam start times and so that students can use the time to work with adults and peers as a working pre-exam lunch if they wish, in a calm, purposeful and mature restaurant.

### **Pre-exam breakfast boosters**

For morning exams students can access breakfast booster sessions from 7:30. This is an opportunity for final support and preparation with their subject teachers with a breakfast provided.

### **After-school activities**

Students can access revision sessions 14:30 - 15:30 almost every day with their teachers. Sessions are promoted in lessons and all students are welcome to attend.

### **Revision spaces**

We understand that often students wish to revise independently with friends in a quiet focussed environment at the end of the day. Our academy library is accessible at the end of every day.

Earlier this week I delivered assemblies with all year groups outlining the summer exam season and our collective community vision in doing everything we can in supporting those taking life changing exams. Year 11 students are in a fantastic position at this stage and we look forward to working with them and yourselves in ensuring that they reach their potential. As I am sure you understand, attendance to the academy is vital at this point and throughout the exams. Please contact us if you have any concerns or questions over the coming weeks. Whilst all staff at the academy can be approached for support, the key contacts for Year 11 over these final weeks are;

Mrs Richardson - Lead learning manager  
Mr Scruby - Principal  
Miss Bawamia - Vice Principal - Outcomes lead  
Mrs Gray - Vice Principal - Deep Support

Thank you for your ongoing support and we look forward to working with you and your children and celebrating their achievements later in the summer.

Yours sincerely  
Mr Andy Scruby  
Principal