

24 April 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

GCSE Exams

I am writing to you with great enthusiasm as we approach the crucial period of GCSE exams for our Year 11 students. It has been incredibly gratifying to witness a remarkable shift in attitude among our students, with a palpable sense of momentum and self-belief permeating throughout the year group. This positive change has been greatly aided by the heartfelt 'Proud' letters that many of you wrote to your children, instilling them with confidence and motivation.

Adjusted Timetable

I am pleased to inform you that yesterday, our students were provided with an adjusted timetable to facilitate focused revision sessions with their subject-specific teachers throughout their exam period, both during the school day and, when appropriate, at Achieve sessions after school. Its primary purpose is to ensure that our students can maximise their time in school, honing their understanding and skills in preparation for the exams with their subject teachers. By doing so, we aim to support their academic performance but also to bolster their overall wellbeing by boosting their confidence before the exams. These are completely unique and personalised for each student ensuring all their remaining time in school is beneficial and will be focused on their individual needs. Please note that this timetable is currently in draft form and will be finalised and re-issued next week to students. We encourage you to sit with your child to review their timetable and kindly ask that any queries are raised with myself.

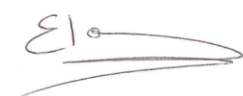
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You and your child have received copies of their exam timetable and, as you will see, these are also clearly identified on their personalised adjusted timetable. It goes without saying that it is imperative that students are present in school every day throughout the exam period, both in the sessions and exams shown on their adjusted timetable. From Tuesday 7 May, Year 11's lunchtime will move to the earlier time of 12.05pm. This decision has been made to ensure that we can start afternoon exams at 1pm, whilst also providing students with exams at this time to have an extended lunchtime which we feel will benefit them, especially on days when they also have an exam in the morning. Some exams may conclude slightly after regular school hours due to examination regulations, which prevent them from commencing before 1pm. In such instances, this is reflected in the adjusted timetables, where the conclusion time of the exam is prominently indicated.

Failure to attend school, including timetabled Achieve sessions or an exam, may result in consequences such as exclusion from events like Leavers' Day or the Prom.

Your continued support in ensuring your child arrives at school on time and prepared for each day is greatly appreciated and will allow them to have every chance of success in their exams.

Yours sincerely



Miss E Long
Year 11 Leader