

20th April 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Exam Contingency Dates

Year 11 examinations commence on Monday 15 May. Students are expected to attend school as normal throughout the Summer exam series. Attendance is key to ensure students have access to specialist subject teachers who will support them through their revision and assessments.

Students will have been provided with a copy of all of their examination entries and exam dates. Please be aware that Wednesday 28 June has been designated as an exam contingency day. This is put in place every year by JCQ and means all students must be available up until the end of Wednesday 28 June in the event that a contingency date is required for an examination.

It is imperative that students attend all their examinations, failure to do so, even with medical evidence, will have a negative impact on a student's grade and parents/carers may be charged exam fees. Should a student be unable to attend an exam due to a serious illness, then Mr Peacock and the school absence line should be contacted urgently. This ensures individual circumstances can be discussed and medical evidence obtained, if appropriate.

Breakfast Revision & Additional Learning

Students will perform their best in the exam when they are prepared, well rested and have eaten. To support students in achieving this we are running breakfast revision session from 08:00-08:30 on the morning of exams. This valuable time helps reassure students at the start of the day and gives them final preparation time prior to the exam. Breakfast revision sessions will finish at 08:30 so that students have time to get breakfast from the Hub before their examinations. All students are invited to attend these sessions. They should arrive by 08:15 and use the rear car park gate entrance, going straight to the allocated classroom. After this time students will not be able to access the school until the usual time of 08:30.

Additional Learning currently runs after school for invited students. Subjects follow a timetable to invite students on specific days. As we move into exams, students find it more effective to attend Additional learning for a subject they are examining in the next day. To support this, we will be suspending the current Additional Learning timetable from Monday 8 May. Instead, we will invite students to attend Additional Learning that has been scheduled based on the exams the next day. To ensure parents and students know when these sessions are running, all Additional Learning sessions have been added to the original preparing for success document that was sent out to parents previously and has been attached to this email with the updated sessions. The programme now identifies all the weekend and holiday revision sessions that were available to students previously, but also now includes the Additional Learning and breakfast revision sessions being offered each day from Monday 8 May.

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Naturally, the most important determinant of success will be the **commitment of your child to work really hard over this term**. We will be encouraging students to strive for the outcomes they are capable of achieving and I am sure you will be doing the same. Analysis of our data from previous years has shown that the students who attend revision sessions performed better in their examinations. We would appreciate your support in ensuring that your child attends all of the relevant sessions.

Leavers Day

This year the final date of examination differs for students depending on their subjects. To support students to be successful in their exams, all students are expected to attend school full time up until Thursday 15 June. From this date students will have fewer exams, so we will be releasing students from school earlier, dependent on their remaining exams. The arrangements from Thursday 15 June are as follows:

Date	Start time & students required	Finish time
Thursday 15 June	All students start at 08:30, with revision sessions available from 08:00 for History students	All students released at 12:30
Friday 16 June	All students start at 08:30, with Physics breakfast revision available from 08:00 for all students.	Students who do not study Geography will be released at 11:30 Students who study Geography have an exam at 13:15 and will be released after the exam
Monday 19 June	Only Design and Technology students to attend. Breakfast revision starts at 08:00.	Students studying Design Technology will be released immediately after their exam has ended.
Tuesday 20 June	No attendance for any Year 11	
Wednesday 21 June	Only Hospitality & Catering students to attend. Breakfast revision starts at 08:00.	Students studying Hospitality & Catering will be released immediately after their exam has ended.

Wednesday 21 June is the final scheduled examination for Year 11 students. Students will not be expected to attend school after this point. However, they must be available to attend on Wednesday 28 June in the event that the exam contingency date is required by JCQ.

Thank you in anticipation of your support during the coming months.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs T Deane
Assistant Principal