



12 May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers of Year 11 Students,

Firstly, I would like to thank you for the continued support you are giving your child as they prepare for their final public exams. This letter outlines some important information about our public exam season that officially begins on Monday 16 May, which will help you to continue to support your child to academic success.

We are very pleased that our students have been given the opportunity to sit the exams, the first since 2019 due to the pandemic. Their lists of topics have been narrowed slightly due to the advance release of topic lists for some subjects in February and in other subjects, a module from the specification had been removed earlier in the course. With these changes, however, we do recognise that students may still feel the pressure of the exams, especially in the light of the pandemic; please rest assured that they continue to receive our full support and encouragement. This year group thoroughly deserve as much support and as many teacher-led learning sessions as possible due to the amount of time they were required to work remotely earlier in the course. I know that you will want to continue to support us in this endeavour.

### Timetable and Teacher-led Revision Sessions

During the exam period, your child will attend school for their usual start time of 8.15am. When exams are not taking place, they will attend revision classes for the subjects that will be examined the next day or in the days that closely follow. This means that their normal timetable will change and that they will revise with the teachers that have been selected by Heads of Department to teach sessions that will most benefit your child. It is imperative that your child makes the most of these final learning opportunities that are being provided to them. These sessions could potentially mean the chance of your child achieving a higher grade. Each day, their Form Tutor or Head of Year will inform students of the sessions they will attend; this will differ from student to student depending on their qualification pathway and individual need in the subject. An example of the first week's student timetable is attached in the e-mail.

### Punctuality

It is essential that your child is on time to school for the start of the exams. Please do liaise with them about their journey to school and help them to check for any travel restrictions that may need to be considered. If they are at all delayed for any reason on their journey and they have a phone, they should ring the School Reception to inform staff of the exceptional circumstances that are hindering their journey. Lateness will have an impact on the time available to them to sit the exam.



### **Before School and Lunchtime**

At these times, your child will be able to access quiet study space, as we have turned our Assembly Hall into a place where quiet revision and mental preparation can take place ahead of the day's exams. I would urge you to make sure that your child eats breakfast and lunch each day in order to support their concentration and well-being. Both breakfast and lunch are available to them at school; if your child does not have access to free school meals, please ensure that their swipe card is topped up with enough money to purchase food.

### **The Exam Hall**

Throughout the exam period, your child must be in full school uniform and abide by the Academy's uniform policy, including not wearing jewellery and other forbidden items (see page 17 of the School Planner). Blazers are also to be worn and permission will be given to remove them if the examination hall is warm. A clear, filled water bottle (with the label removed) is required to keep them hydrated throughout the day. All equipment must be brought to the exam in a clear pencil case or small clear plastic bag. It is essential that your child brings the right equipment for each exam, including a calculator and mathematical equipment where required by the subject. Please talk to your child about the importance of ensuring that all phones and smartwatches are fully turned off and left in their bag. If a phone is found on a student, even if switched off, this could result in disqualification from exams, as we are required to follow very strict JCQ guidelines.

### **Post-16 Reminders**

If your child has not heard back from the schools or colleges to which they have applied, please do aim to make contact over the next few days. If there are any issues with this, please do contact your child's Form Tutor so that they can seek help from our Careers Officer if required.

### **Dates for your Diary**

- **Friday 24 June at 2pm**  
Thanksgiving Service: parents and carers are invited to this event
- **Friday 24 June: 3pm – 6pm**  
Leavers' Barbecue for staff and students
- **Thursday 25 August**  
GCSE Results Day

Details of these events will be sent to you later in the term.

As ever, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Form Tutor or Head of Year. Contact details are as follows:

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I would like to end with a blessing for the students and thank you once again for your continued support. I wish every student the success they deserve in their upcoming exams.

*Dear Lord,*

*Be with our Year 11 students as they begin their exams,*

*May all the work they have done bear fruit.*

*Help them to be calm,*

*To read the questions carefully*

*And keep an eye on the time.*

*Grant them a clear mind,*

*Protect them from all anxiety.*

*May they be considerate of others in the exam hall*

*And follow the instructions*

*Of those who are there to support them.*

*Help them to remember*

*That their exams are milestones*

*On a longer journey, as they learn*

*And grow into the kind of people you want them to be*

*Who will make a difference in the world for the better*

*With their knowledge, their skills*

*And their generous hearts.*

With my best wishes,



**Miss S Malone**  
**Principal**