

## **RE: Year II GCSE Exams**

Dear parents/carers,

I would like to extend my sincere thanks for your continued support throughout the examination period so far. We have been incredibly proud of all Year 11 students for their continuous hard work and effort, conducting themselves maturely and responsibly for each exam they have taken.

As you will know from my previous correspondence, today is the last official day for Year 11 to be in all lessons each day as their study leave begins. From Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June, we will be giving Year 11 students the options of revising from home or silent study in the library at school (they will need to sign in and out at Student Services) as well as attending school for their scheduled exams. Despite using the term 'study leave', we will continue to deliver exam warm-up sessions to best prepare Year 11, helping them to feel more confident and motivated (schedule attached). The main canteen will be available for them at break, early lunch and normal lunch times.

The May half term will offer a welcomed 'breather' for students after what has been a fairly intense start to their GCSE exam season; however, it is also crucial that they make the most of this time to revise and prepare themselves for the remainder of their exams. To make the most of the break and get on top of revision to support confidence when approaching the final exams, we strongly advise all our students to plan a thorough revision timetable which allows for an average of 5 hours of revision per day, split into manageable chunks of 30–45-minute sessions. This can help to ensure a bit of balance and help our students to avoid 'burn out'. Of course, we recognise that the exam season has been tiring and challenging, so finding a reasonable balance of work and rest over half term is important, but equally we want them to make the most of the time available to them, remembering that Year 11 will enjoy a very long summer rest and well-deserved break post exams.

## A few top tips to support revision over the break:

I. Ensure students are aware of which papers they have sat and will sit next to allow them to focus on relevant content only (i.e., Paper I or Paper 2 content for some exams).

2. Try to place more emphasis on revision at the start of the day when students are arguably feeling fresher, and of course this gets the work out of the way early on, giving them free time later in the day.

3. Ensure that revision is taking place in a suitable environment free from distractions (i.e., at the kitchen table, no phone or music on, lots of natural light).

4. Ensure students have all of the resources they need in advance (i.e., remind them to print off past papers and resources in school, particularly if they do not have access to a printer at home).

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with Miss Dixon, Miss Crowder, Mrs Lambert or me should you have any general queries with regards to the exam period.

Yours sincerely,

C. McGraher Mrs C McGahey



Monday 3rd June	Maths	KBE	Hall	PE	JKE, SMA	Hall
Tuesday 4th June	Spanish	RMO, TSW	E108	History	CMG, BWL	Hall
Wednesday 5th June	Geography	SID	Hall	Business	JHY, CWO, AKE	Hall and Lower hex and B204
					RBE - X/Y1A	A216
Thursday 6th June	English Language	СНА	Hall	Maths	JMU - X/Y1B	S101
					PBL - X/Y2A	S208
					CNE - X/Y2B	S106
					KBE - Y2C	A202
					NBE - X2C & X/Y3A	\$207
					NPA - X/Y3B	N203
Friday 7th June				Biology	FDO, KED, AOF, TFA	Trilogy - Hall, Separates lower hex
Monday 10th June	Maths	KBE	Hall	Spanish		A113
Tuesday 11th June	Chemistry	FDO, ACO	Hall - Trilogy	History	CMG, BWL	Hall and lower hex
			Lower Hex - Sep	Further Maths	ADO	A201
				Turtier Hatilo	RBE	A204
Wednesday 12th June	Dance	JFI	A203			
Thursday 13th June						
Friday 14th June	Geography	SID	Hall	Physics	SHG, MPI, PBE, FDO	Trilogy - Hall, Separates lower hex
Monday 17th						
June				Music	DST	A204
Tuesday 18th	DT	TBE	Hall			
Wednesday 19th June	Further Maths	ADO/RBE	S101 & S107			
Thursday 20th June	Hospitality	CDE	A203			