



**RE: Year 11 GCSE Examinations and Support**

Dear parents/carers,

I can hardly believe that the time is now upon us. Examination season is here! As mentioned in my previous letter, we are creating a bespoke timetable of support for Year 11 students to give them as much guidance, reassurance and input as possible prior to their subject GCSE exams. Please find details below of the exams and final revision support taking place this week and next:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Exam</b>	<b>Final Revision Details</b>
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	1pm	Digital IT	DIT students to attend a final booster session Period 2 on Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May in B210.
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	8.45am	Health and Social Care	Health and Social Care students to attend final booster on Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May Period 5.  Miss Steele- L105  Mrs Ashford- S102.
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	8.45am	GCSE Psychology	Psychology booster P5 on Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May in S106 Mrs Jennings and S107 Mrs Wagstaff.  All Psychology students to attend the Exam Warm Up in the Main Hall at 8.15am on Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May.
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	1pm	GCSE German Reading/Listening	All German students to attend revision booster P3 on Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May in L206
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	1pm	GCSE Drama	Drama booster session P2 and P3 on Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May in S208. P2 with Mrs Packman and P3 with Mrs Richards.





Additionally, as the GCSE English Literature Paper 1 exam is on the morning of Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May, please see details below for the final revision boosters available to all students:

Date	Time	Subject	Final Revision Details
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	P3, P4	English Literature <b>II Y students</b>	All <b>II Y students</b> , please go to your <b>English classroom for P3 and P4</b> for final revision.
	P4, P5	English Literature <b>II X students</b>	All <b>II X students</b> , please go to your <b>English classroom for P4 and P5</b> for final revision.
	Afterschool	English Literature <b>Drama students only</b>	Any students who were in the Drama boosters and Drama exam are welcome to attend final revision support in A117 until 4.15pm.

For all afternoon exams commencing at 1pm, students will be invited to go to the canteen for an early lunch at 12.15pm and must be at their exam venues for 12.45pm, 15minutes before the scheduled start time. Please can you support your children in ensuring that they have all the essential equipment with them to be successful in their examinations. This includes:

- Multiple black pens (ball point, no gel or erasable pens please)
- A highlighter
- Multiple pencils
- Ruler, rubber
- Scientific calculator
- Maths kit (protractor, compass).

It is also advised that all students take a bottle of water with them into their exams. As in line with JCQ regulations, please ensure that any labels are removed, and bottles are transparent. Whilst students have had lots of reminders about this (and practice of doing so), a final reminder that all phones must be switched off and placed in pouches which must stay in students' bags, they cannot be in their pockets as they are not allowed in the exam rooms. This also includes other electronic items such as headphones or airpods, and watches of any kind.

We would also like to take this opportunity to confirm that **study leave for Year 11** will begin after the May half term. Until then, all Year 11 students are expected to attend school and lessons as normal, with the **final day of full attendance being Friday 22nd May**. Please note that this will not be classed as a 'leavers' day.





Leavers celebrations have been scheduled for 18<sup>th</sup> June. It will be on 18<sup>th</sup> June that we will be celebrating Year 11 with a special assembly and shirt signing. Further information on this will be shared by Mrs Wagstaff.

From **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June**, students are welcome to study at home and attend school for their scheduled exams only. They must still attend examinations in full school uniform, and usual school expectations will remain in place. Of course, some staff may continue to offer additional booster sessions and revision drop-in sessions after May half term. These will be communicated via Class Charts. During this time, students are still very welcome to contact their teachers if they require further guidance or support. All staff email addresses can be found on the school website.

In these remaining weeks, we are providing a carefully structured programme of support to ensure every student receives the highest quality preparation for their examinations. This includes targeted booster sessions, alongside focused exam technique and subject-specific guidance delivered within timetabled lessons.

Our teaching staff are subject specialists, many of whom are experienced examiners. This means they are uniquely placed to guide students on exactly what is required for success. The support, feedback and expertise available in school during this period are difficult to replicate through independent study at home.

Between now and 22<sup>nd</sup> May, we understand that some students may feel they would be more productive revising independently; however, experience consistently shows that students make the most progress when they attend lessons and engage with the structured support provided in school. Absence during this time can lead to gaps in understanding and missed opportunities to refine exam technique, placing students at a disadvantage. Our priority is to ensure that every student is fully supported and as well-prepared as possible. We greatly appreciate your support in ensuring full attendance over the coming weeks.

We want to wish all our students the best of luck over the next few weeks. We are so proud of them and all of the hard work they have put into their studies. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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