



Wednesday 1st May, 2024

Year 11 Examinations, Leavers' Information & Key Dates

Dear Families,

I hope this letter finds you well. I wanted to provide you with all the key information for our Year 11 pupils in good time to ensure that the forthcoming weeks go as smoothly as possible for you and your child.

Firstly, I want to say how proud we are of Year 11 and the work they have done thus far. The next few weeks are crucially important and I am sure you will agree that having a well-structured revision programme in place is essential for success. In addition to this, please do encourage your child to take a sensible amount of time out from their studies; making sure they get plenty of rest and exercise is just as important as revising at this stage of Year 11.

We are here to support in any way we can and if you feel you need any additional information or support, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Below I have outlined key pieces of information and I encourage you to take the time to read this with your child.

Examinations

- GCSE examinations start on **Thursday 9th May 2024**.
- Students have been provided with individual timetables, copies of which are available on MCAS. The full exam timetable is available [here](#).
- Unless otherwise stated, morning exams begin at **0900** and afternoon exams begin at **1300**.
- Students should arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the start of exams. They should make their way to their pastoral classes [which will be on the Main Corridor during the exam season] where they will be collected for their exam.
- If for any reason your child is delayed or absent, it is essential that the school is contacted immediately - please call reception on **0191 4990111**.
- Students have been briefed on the mechanics of how examinations will operate including the need to be in full school uniform, and fully equipped with pens, pencils, rulers etc.
- Students must be considerate of others and ensure they are well behaved at all times.

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Half-Term Revision:

To support your child, we will also be offering revision opportunities in school during half-term. The details are outlined below:

- Wednesday 29th May: Maths Revision (9.30-10:45) Higher and Foundation - M Band
- Wednesday 29th May: Maths Revision (11.00-12:15) Higher and Foundation - T Band

- Thursday 30th May: Geography Revision, Paper 2, Mrs Devlin (10:00-12:30 in GY2)
- Thursday 30th May: Geography Revision, Paper 2, Ms. Nicholson (13:00-15:00 in GY1)

- Friday 31st May: English Revision (09:30-1200).

Examination Contingency

- Whilst the examination timetable is set, this year's contingency dates have been organised in case a national event means dates / times of exams change.
- Therefore please be aware that students need to be available on the following dates:
 - 6 June (pm)
 - 13 June (pm)
 - 26 June (am and pm).

Revision During the Exam Period

- All students are expected to attend school as normal during the examination season.
- When not in exams, students will be given time to revise in lessons or will attend drop-down revision sessions to prepare for upcoming exams. The revision timetable can be found here:

[📄 Yr 11 Drop-Down Timetable Summer 2024](#)

Sixth Form Induction

- All students who are planning to return to Sixth Form to continue their studies are invited back into school on **Wednesday 3rd July 2024** [in the Sixth Form Centre] to continue their preparations for entry into Year 12.
- The aim of this day is to bridge the gap between Year 11 and 12 study and give a greater understanding of the expectations of a Sixth Form student and allow them to make informed subject choices for this September.
- We will cover most aspects of life in the Sixth Form with presentations by current Sixth Form students. During this day there will be the opportunity to discuss course choices with subject leaders.



- All students are expected to attend this induction event if they plan to return [or are considering returning]. If a student is unable to attend, then please contact Mrs Brown via the Sixth Form email address provided at the end of this letter.
- Students are expected to attend in full school uniform.

GCSE Results

- Results will be available from the Sixth Form Centre [accessed via the rear of the school - across the metal bridge in the back car park] after **0900 on Thursday 22nd August 2024**.
- Please note that results cannot be given out over the telephone or via e-mail.
- If students wish to have results posted, a 1st class, stamped addressed envelope [marked GCSE Year 11 in the top left-hand corner] needs to be given to Mrs Richardson [Examination Officer] no later than **Monday 15th July 2024**.
- If there are any exceptional circumstances where a pupil is unable to collect their results in person, and they have not provided a stamped addressed envelope in advance, please inform the school via the House emails as soon as possible.

Registration for Sixth Form Courses

- If you have met all of the entry requirements for your desired courses of study, you should register for the Sixth Form on results day [**Thursday 22nd August 2024**]. This should be done using a Google Form that will be shared.
- If you require an appointment, Sixth Form registration will take place on **Friday 23rd August 2024** in the Sixth Form Centre.
- Students will have the opportunity to discuss their options with a member of the Sixth Form team / senior staff on results day and on the registration day, where required.
- If your child is unable to attend then please contact Mrs Brown via the Sixth Form email address provided at the end of this letter.

I would like to reiterate that we are here to support you and your child. If you have any questions or require any additional support then please get in touch via the House email addresses.

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Thank you very much for all of your support. I would like to wish all Year 11 students the very best of luck in their final preparations and examinations.

Yours sincerely,

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