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Dear parent/carer

### **Y11 update and arrangements for examinations**

The summer examinations are nearly upon us and we have entered the final, extremely intense phase of preparation.

The first whole school examination is English language, which will take place on **Tuesday afternoon** - 3 May. Arrangements for this examination are as follows:

- students are invited to arrive from 7:30am onwards to have a working breakfast with English staff in the SYSZ. This will be an informal opportunity for students to ask any last minute questions.
- students will register in base groups as normal.
- period 1 – Y band students will have a lesson of English revision; X band students will have their normal, timetabled lessons.
- period 2 – X band students will have a lesson of English revision; Y band students will have their normal, timetabled lessons.
- students will break for an early lunch at 12:15pm.
- students will gather in the SYSZ for **12:45**, prior to starting the examination.

The majority of students will complete their examination at around 3:30pm. There will be no after school intervention lessons that afternoon/evening.

As we move through the remainder of the examinations, the standard start time for students who have examinations in the morning will be **7:45am**, in the SYSZ. **It is critical that students are on time so that they can benefit from the final revision sessions which are planned.**



Students who have examinations in the afternoon should arrive at school at normal time, so that revision for the afternoon examinations can start promptly.

On days when students do not have examinations, they must **come to school as normal** and be registered in base groups, as normal. **Students will not be granted study leave.**

These final few weeks are a critical time and will make all the difference in terms of your child's results.

A programme of revision and intervention sessions has been planned for weekends and the half term break. This is subject to change but, as of now, sessions are as follows:

- Saturday 30 April – mathematics; triple science
- Saturday 7 May – mathematics; PE; drama
- Sunday 8 May – business (GCSE)
- Saturday 14 May - mathematics; construction; triple science; PE
- Saturday 21 May – geography and English literature
- Sunday 22 May – mathematics
- Monday 30 May – business (GCSE)
- Tuesday 31 May – mathematics
- Thursday 2 June – mathematics
- Saturday 4 June – geography
- Sunday 5 June – mathematics and history
- Sunday 12 June – history
- Sunday 19 June – history; science (all groups).

After school revision sessions continue as they have been. The SYSZ is open for independent revision 10am-2pm every weekend, including Bank Holiday Monday, and every day over the half term break, until all examinations are complete. The SYSZ is also open for breakfast (free of charge) and revision, each weekday morning, from 7:30am.



Please support your child to check that they have all the correct equipment ready in advance of each and every examination. They will feel more comfortable if they have their own equipment. I enclose a reminder of examination equipment requirements with this letter.

If you have any questions, please get in contact straightaway – it is more important than ever that everyone is clear about the arrangements for the next few weeks. I wish all the students the very best of luck in their coming examinations and look forward to seeing the outcome of their labours on results day (Thursday 25 August).

Yours faithfully

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Principal