

May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers of Year 11 Students

Our Year 11 students have been a credit to themselves, our academy and to their families. We are now looking at how we support students over the exam weeks and how we will end the year.

### **Support and expectations over the exam weeks**

The formal sit-down exams have started this week. During the exam's students will have a timetable specific to the courses they are taking which is a mixture of their current timetable and masterclasses on the run up to each exam. It is important that students over this time make the most of their revision lessons, pre exam masterclasses and the actual exams and that they **attend the academy on time, are on time for lessons and exams and wearing full academy uniform.** **It is vital that students are present for every exam applicable to them and that they are following the behaviour and conduct expectations set by the exam boards and the academy are imperative.** Students have reminders to these expectations around the academy and in their Year 11 Google Classroom.

Please note (as per the mock exams):

- Free bagels are available in the dining room from 8am to 8.20am. Free breakfast bar and bottle of water is available on each exam morning from the Learning Manager's Office between 8am-8.20am
- Water bottles with clear liquid are allowed in the exam - they must be clear, no labels or writing allowed
- Students who have a morning exam will go straight to the Dining Room for registration and their subject pre-exam briefing before going into the exam. The briefing for the afternoon exams will be held in the Hub. *Afternoon science exams will have a different arrangement for the briefing, students will be informed of this closer to the time.*
- No watches, phones, other electronic equipment, revision materials etc are allowed in the exam room
- All bags, phones etc must be left in the gym changing room. Pockets must be empty.
- Students must not have any writing on hands/arms etc

**Please remember that we cannot move the date or time of any of the exams. Any poor behaviour or malpractice will be reported to the exam board as per the regulations.** This can have huge consequences on final grades across all subjects, not just on the subject the malpractice occurred in. Please encourage your child to behave and follow the exam expectations.

### **Evening Masterclass Sessions**

To support revision Year 11 students, have access to a range of online revision Masterclasses which will be delivered by our subject Directors. These hour-long webinars will be focused on revision and exam techniques and specific topic areas, covering both foundation and higher

papers where applicable. They will complement the revision activities students are already completing and are in addition to any additional sessions being provided by school. Students have access to these schedules and the links to the sessions via their Year 11 Classroom on Google Classroom.

### **Friday 14th June**

- For students who study geography there is an exam in the morning.
- The final whole school exam is in the afternoon with physics, students will finish this exam at 2.15pm or 2.45pm depending on which exam they are taking.
- Following the physics exam, Year 11 students will have an opportunity to participate in shirt signing in the dining room. This must be on a separate shirt to the one they wore to the academy that day) and will then leave the site once this is finished at approximately 3.15pm. Some snacks will be available. For students to be invited to this final event their attendance and behaviour must continue to be outstanding over the final weeks, for any student whose behaviour has not been acceptable they will leave the site immediately after the science exam. Students who have paid for or have won a leavers hoodie will be taking this home with them on this day.
- For the majority of students, this is the final day they will be in the academy until the results day.

### **Tuesday 18th June - Students studying DT morning exam**

- Students studying DT need to attend the academy in the morning as per normal exam routines and will leave the site immediately after the exam.

### **Tuesday 18th June - Students studying Polish afternoon exam**

- Students studying Polish need to attend the academy in the afternoon, arriving via SID at 12.00pm if they wish to go for lunch first. The latest students must arrive for the exam is 12.30pm for the 1pm start. Students will then leave the site immediately after the exam.

### **Thursday 20th June - Students studying Hospitality and Catering morning exam**

- Students studying Hospitality and Catering need to attend the academy in the morning as per normal exam routines and will leave the site immediately after the exam.

Once a student has completed their personal final exam they no longer need to attend the academy.

### **Uniform Donation**

We will be asking students to donate uniform they do not need (especially ties) to our vintage rail in the academy, these items are given to any student for free. Donated ties can be left with us following the final exam for each student. You can donate any uniform no longer required in the green bin outside of main reception - thank you for your support with any uniform donations.

### **Exam Contingency Day - 26th June**

This is the final date the exam boards can choose to move an exam to if for some reason one is cancelled. Please ensure that your child is available up to and including this day. Please do not make any holiday etc arrangements until after this date.

## **GCSE results day is Thursday 22nd August**

This will be when students will receive their statement of results. Further information will follow regarding this day and for the subsequent collection of the actual certificates in the Autumn Term. It is very important that students collect these certificates as they will need these as evidence for their future courses and careers. They are very expensive for you to purchase in future years from the exam boards if not collected from us. If you or your family believe we may still have your exam certificates please come to main reception with photo ID and we will check this for you.

## **Next steps following Year 11**

The vast majority of students leaving our Academy already have a positive destination and will be starting either college or an apprenticeship in September 2024. If any students want to change the course they are doing they would need to contact the college to discuss this further. We are also available to discuss options going forward whilst providing independent careers advice in September if they are unable to secure a destination following their results.

On behalf of all the staff in the academy, thank you for working with us to support your child. We wish all students the very best in their exams and know they will make themselves proud. We look forward to hearing in the future about their amazing achievements.

Kind regards



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