

May 2023

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 exams 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 on time, are on time and wearing 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 at 8am-8.20am
- Water bottles 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 Hub for registration and their subject pre exam briefing before going into the exam. Same for afternoon exams
- No watches, phones, revision materials etc are allowed in the exam room
- All bags, phones etc must be left in the gym changing room
- Students must not have any writing on hands/arms etc

We cannot change the date and time of any exam. Any poor behaviour or malpractice will be reported to the exam board as per the regulations. This can have huge consequences on final grades. 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.

Thursday 15th June - Leaving event

On **Thursday 15th June - Period 5**, students will have an opportunity to participate in shirt signing (this must be on a separate shirt to the one they wore to the academy that morning) and will then leave the site before 2.30pm. 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 masterclass at 1.30pm. Students who have paid for or won a leavers hoodie will be taking these home with them on this day.

Friday 16th June

- Students then need to return to the academy on Friday morning 16th June for their final science (physics) exam.
- If students do not study geography they may then leave the site.
- Students who do study geography will remain on site for a masterclass and then sit their final geography exam in the afternoon. Geography students will leave immediately after their exam.

Monday 19th 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.

Wednesday 21st June - Students studying Polish morning exam

- Students studying Polish 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 own 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 - 28th 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 24th 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 apprenticeship in September 2023. If any students want to change the course they are doing they would initially 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.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lisa Allott', is centered within a light grey rectangular box.

Lisa Allott
Principal

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