

May 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

### **GCSE Examinations 2024**

GCSE examinations are quickly approaching and I would like to take this opportunity to remind you and pupils of arrangements in school.

GCSE Examinations begin on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May for those pupils studying Health & Social Care. As previously communicated, exams can last until Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2024 and so pupils should be available until that date. Full timetables are still available through the Exams section of the School Website and pupils have been provided with personalised timetables with seating arrangements.

From Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May, pupils will attend a combination of examinations, lessons and revision sessions. This process has worked incredibly successfully over the last few years and we look forward to it being as beneficial to pupils this year. Pupils have been given copies of amendments for next week already. Where the exam has already taken place for a subject and on rare occasions where pupils are not directed to a revision session, pupils should bring revision materials in order to revise quietly in those lessons.

Morning and afternoon exams will begin at 9am and 1pm respectively. Pupils should arrive in full school uniform and ensure they arrive in school no later than 8.30am for morning exams. For morning exams pupils must register in form rooms as usual and they will be escorted to their exam base. They should drop off bags immediately in the designated area, ensuring that they are fully equipped for each exam. Pupils not in exams should go to tutor time as normal.

Afternoon exams start at 1pm, following lunch. Pupils should have been in school throughout the day in the build up to these exams. Bags should be dropped off prior to exams. Pupils are used to these processes following mock exams in February and March.

Pupils must arrive on time and in full school uniform for each examination and with the relevant school equipment. We know from consulting pupils that routines are the best way of relaxing pupils prior to examinations although we are aware of striking the balance with pupil comfort. We shall continue to discuss with pupils and may relax our uniform procedures in the coming weeks.

Mobile phones must be turned off and left in bags, all pupil belongings will be kept securely whilst they are in exams. Pupils are not permitted to wear watches during exams or have items in their possession including air-pods, ear phones etc. Pupils are reminded to use clear pencil cases for equipment, remove labels from water bottles and ensure they have calculators for the relevant examinations. Again, pupils are familiar with these processes from mock exams.

The Year 11 prom is on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July. As you are aware invitations to prom continue to be reliant on pupils meeting standards agreed on conduct and attendance. Some pupils have received preliminary invitations over the last week and we shall send further information accordingly.

GCSE Examination results day is on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2024 at 9.30am in the school hall. Further details shall be shared in the coming weeks.

We wish your child the very best of luck for the weeks ahead and thank them and you for all the hard work and preparation that has taken place. We feel sure they are prepared to reap the rewards of their hard work. We are committed as always to supporting the health of all pupils, please continue to communicate with us.



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