

11th March 2022

Dear families,

Re: Information for Y11 as they head towards the final stage of compulsory education

Before the maths exam yesterday, I met with the whole of year 11 to explain the plan for their final few weeks in school. I also highlighted the celebration events that we will (hopefully) be able to hold to mark the end of their time at Burton Borough School. In the paragraphs below I have highlighted the key information. Please can you re-iterate the importance of impeccable behaviour throughout remaining lessons, examinations, and celebration events. If students are not maintaining high standards, it may well be that their attendance at celebration day, the prom, or other events could be called into question.

Year 11 timetable once examinations begin

Once the first examination begins on the 16th May, students will be expected to be in their exam or their lesson. This will run up until half term initially so that students can continue to access their teachers and lessons, particularly when so much content was lost over the past 2 years. We will keep you updated on how this will look at half term nearer the time. In the rare situation where students have completed the course in a certain subject, or say for example they are in PE, students will be given the option to revise.

All examinations either start at 9am or 1pm so any student who has an exam starting at 1pm will go to the canteen at 12:20 where they will be able to have their lunch and complete any final preparations before the afternoon start.

Some departments will also be putting on targeted revision sessions after school on the day before their subject is examined. There will be more information on these events to follow once the sessions and times have been confirmed.

On both Friday 20th and 27th May all students (apart from those studying Computer Science) do not have an examination in the afternoon, so we will be allowing students to study at home after they have completed their morning exam, should they wish to do so. Any student leaving the site must make sure that they sign out in reception. Anyone who chooses to stay in school must attend lessons as per normal.

Celebration day: Wednesday 11th May

The examination period is incredibly busy this year and has been extended for an additional week. This means that we have taken the decision to hold the Year 11 celebration day before the exams start this year, so that it doesn't disrupt or distract during this process. This is always a fantastic day, which students embrace in a really positive way. The timetable for this day is highlighted below.

- Students arrive in full school uniform at 12:30 into the canteen where complimentary food and drink will be served. Students can take this time to sign their shirts and get comments written into books or diaries that some like to bring.



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- At lunchtime, students have the opportunity to get changed into their fancy dress and go out onto the field.
- Celebration assembly starts in the main hall during P6, and students will finish at normal time so that they can get their buses where necessary.
- The following day and Friday lessons are as per normal.

Prom and Alton Towers

The prom has been booked for **Friday 24th June** at Lilleshall. More information on this will follow from Mrs Parkinson after Easter once the student prom committee have finalised the planning.

We have also always offered year 11 students the opportunity to go to Alton Towers and this year that will be on **Monday 4th July**. Again, information on cost, timings, and organisation will follow from Mrs Parkinson.

Hoodies and yearbooks

Students have until **28th March** to purchase their leavers hoodies should they wish to, and these will arrive into school during the second week of May for collection. Students will then be allowed to wear them in school but not into their examinations where full school uniform is required. A link to order these hoodies from kidz in focus was sent out to parents last week. Another link to the same company will be sent out to parents after Easter for students to also order yearbooks. These will be available for collection alongside GCSE results on **Thursday 25th August** between 9:30-11:30am

Yours sincerely,



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