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Dear parent/guardian/carer

## GCSE Examinations May-June 2023

Thank you for your continued support as we approach the GCSE examinations for your child. At this critically important time, we will be sharing with you a fully detailed programme for Year 11 each week, but wanted to take this opportunity to explain the overall strategy to ensure that your child is fully supported and prepared for each of their examinations. As explained in November at the Information Evening, Year 11 and 13 are the absolute priority and we ensure that their bespoke timetable enables students to have specialist support before every examination.

Students must continue to attend school in full school uniform, and it is absolutely essential that their clear plastic pencil case contains: 3 x black pens, 3 x green pens, highlighters, pencils, pencil sharpener, rubber, ruler, protractor, compass, and calculator. Our uniform policy prevents unnecessary distractions, meets the exam board requirements, and ensures students are solely focused on their exam.

### Overview by week:

Week Commencing:	Core examinations:	Overview
15.05.23 (week 2)	Biology Paper 1 English Literature Paper 1 Maths Non- Calc Paper 1	Students will be <b>in school full time</b> but will receive between 1.5-2.0hrs of specialist revision, with their class teacher (*where possible due to some subject teachers delivering to more than one class) prior to each examination (both core and option subject exams).
22.05.23 (week 1)	Chemistry Paper 1 English Literature Paper 2 Physics Paper 1	Students will be <b>in school full time</b> but will receive between 1.5-2.0hrs of specialist revision, with their class teacher (*where possible due to some subject teachers delivering to more than one class) prior to each examination (both core and option subject exams). <b>Please note:</b> English Language revision will take place on Friday 26 May, as this exam takes place at <b>9.00am on Monday 5 June</b> .
29.05.23		<b>Half term – Independent Revision</b>
05.06.23 (week 2)	English Language Paper 1 Maths Calculator Paper 1 Biology Paper 2	Students will be <b>in school full time</b> but will receive between 1.5-2.0hrs of specialist revision, with their class teacher (*where possible due to some subject teachers delivering to more than one class) prior to each examination (both core and option subject exams). <b>On Friday 9 June students will be allowed to leave as their exam finishes 2.15pm onwards.</b>
12.06.23	English Language Paper 2 Chemistry Paper 2 Maths Calculator Paper 2 Physics Paper 2	<b>Students will be able to leave from 1.15 each day unless they have an afternoon examination.</b> If students wish to use the canteen for their lunch – there will be a form available to pre-order and collect prior to departure.
19.06.23		<b>Students are only required to attend for examinations.</b> Please ensure that they are on-site at least 30 minutes prior to the exam allowing for traffic.

In preparation for next week, please find a more detailed schedule attached.

- The colour 'red' indicates - this is an examination which impacts all students.
- The colour 'green' indicates the revision sessions - this is just for the students who take this subject: all others will attend 'normal' timetabled lessons and revise for these subjects.
- The colour 'blue' indicates the revision sessions - this is for all students, and they will attend revision rather than their normal timetable.

**\*Students will receive a printed version with rooming/staffing this week.**

We look forward to celebrating with your child at the leavers' celebration event which will take place on **Friday 30 June** – details to follow.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'V Stillman', written over a light grey rectangular background.

Mrs V Stillman  
**Assistant Headteacher**

Week commencing 15 May:

Calendar			Exams			Lessons/Revision						
Date	Day	Wk	AM	PM	Reg	1	2	3	Lunch	4	5	Notes
15/05/23	Monday	2		Drama Written Paper	Usual Tutor		Drama Rev	Drama Rev		Biology Rev	Biology Rev	Where students are not in specific revision sessions lessons as normal.  PE lessons - students are given option to revise independently.
16/05/23	Tuesday	2	Biology Paper 1	Media Studies COMP1	Canteen open from 7.30am for breakfast and Biology rev (optional) followed by usual tutor		At the end of the exam there will be an extended break Media Rev	Media Rev		English Lit Rev	English Lit Rev	Where students are not in specific revision sessions lessons as normal.  PE lessons - students are given option to revise independently.
17/05/23	Wednesday	2	English Lit Paper 1	Physical Ed Paper 1	Canteen open 7.30 for breakfast and English Lit Rev (optional), followed by usual tutor		At the end of the exam there will be an extended break PE Rev	PE Rev		History Rev	History Rev	Where students are not in specific revision sessions lessons as normal.  PE lessons - students are given option to revise independently.
18/05/23	Thursday	2	History Paper 1	Investigating Small Bus	Usual Tutor		Bus Rev	Bus Rev		Maths Rev	Maths Rev	Where students are not in specific revision sessions lessons as normal.  PE lessons - students are given option to revise independently.
19/05/23	Friday	2	Maths Non- Calculator	Computer Sci Paper 1	Canteen open 7.30 for breakfast and Maths Rev (optional), followed by usual tutor		At the end of the exam there will be an extended break Comp Sci Rev	Comp Sci Rev		Chemistry Rev	Chemistry Rev	Where students are not in specific revision sessions lessons as normal.  PE lessons - students are given option to revise independently.