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Dear parent/guardian/carer

GCSE Examinations May - June 2023

Year 11 students have continued to impress us with their attitude towards their examinations. The vast majority have shown a seriousness in approach and a maturity on the day. Having passed a major milestone with some of their core subjects, it's really important they take full advantage of your support and keep the momentum going with a clear, structured schedule over half term. **Please ask them to share their plan for the week.** It should show a minimum of 30 hours planned, scheduled in 20-30 minute slots with short breaks. Practice tests and past paper questions should form a key aspect of this. Highlighting and re-reading is of negligible value.

GCSE's have become far more specialised – involving content that historically used to be on A Level papers. This is the reason school attendance with subject specialist-led revision is so important.

Students must continue to attend school in full school uniform after half-term, 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.

Updated overview by week:

Week Commencing:	Core examinations:	Overview
29.05.23		Half term – Independent Revision. We would like to highlight that the English Language examination is on the first Monday back and must be prioritised for revision. Resources to support this are on their Google Classroom. Invite only: Science revision in school.
05.06.23 (week 2)	English Language Paper 1 Maths Calculator Paper 1 Biology Paper 2	Students will be in school full time 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). On Friday 9 June students will be allowed to leave as their exam finishes 2.15pm onwards.
12.06.23	English Language Paper 2 Chemistry Paper 2 Maths Calculator Paper 2 Physics Paper 2	Students will be able to leave from 1.15pm each day unless they have an afternoon examination. 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		Students are only required to attend for examinations. Please ensure that they are on-site at least 30 minutes prior to the exam allowing for traffic.
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In preparation for next week, please find a more detailed schedule attached.

- The colour 'red' indicates that this is an examination which impacts all students.
- The colour 'green' indicates 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 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.**

Yours sincerely

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Year 11 Progress Leader

Calendar			Exams		Lessons/Revision							Notes
Date	Day	Week	AM	PM	Reg	1	2	3	Lunch	4	5	
05/06/2023	Monday	2	English Lang Paper 1	French Writing	Canteen open 7.30 English Lang Rev (optional)		Extended break French Rev	Independent Revision/English French Rev		Independent Revision/Science	OPTION A Spanish Rev	*Where option subjects have finished exams students offered revision in classrooms
06/06/2023	Tuesday	2	Spanish Listening and Reading		Usual Tutor	CORE	CORE	CORE		Maths Revision	CORE	
07/06/2023	Wednesday	2	Maths Calculator	History Paper 2	Canteen open 7.30 Maths Rev (optional)		Extended break History Rev	CORE History Rev		OPTION B/Independent rev PE Rev	CORE PE Rev	
08/06/2023	Thursday	2	Further Maths Physical Ed Paper 2		Usual Tutor	CORE	Eng Lang X BAND Biology Y BAND	Biology Rev		OPTION D/Independent rev Geog Rev	Engl Lang X BAND Biology Y BAND	
09/06/2023	Friday	2	Geography Paper 2	Biology Paper 2	Usual Tutor for Geog Students		Register in canteen at 10.45 (extended break)	Biology Rev			Leave when exam completes (2.15 onward)	