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Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been pleasing to see Year 11 continue to prepare for their GCSE exams diligently and with excellent attitudes. There have been so many fantastic opportunities to support students with their preparation over the last few weeks, including Masterclasses for various subjects, before and after school revision sessions and targeted in class support and guidance. Tutors and teachers have shared a wealth of resources on Google classroom, so please encourage your child to make use of these to support their revision if they haven't done so already.

As we move into next week, when public examinations begin, I have outlined below the key arrangements for Year 11 during the GCSE exam period. Your child will have now received their exam timetable, and it is important that they take time to look through it carefully so they know exactly where they need to be and when.

Blazers in exams (from Thursday 7th May)




To help prevent students from accidentally bringing in items that are not allowed in exams, we are making a small change. From Thursday 7th May, blazers must not be taken into the Sports Hall or access arrangement rooms. Students may still wear blazers to school if they wish, but when they attend an exam they must either leave them in their bags or in lockers. This is to reduce the risk of students accidentally bringing in prohibited items that could lead to disqualification, such as mobile phones, watches, earbuds or headphones, and revision notes or cards. Even if these items are not used, having them in an exam room can lead to serious consequences, including disqualification. We will remind students of this regularly, but we would appreciate your support in reinforcing this at home.

Thursday 7th May – Friday 12th June

- All Year 11 students should attend school every day and be at the Year 11 Welcome by 8:40am
- Before each exam, students will have a 10-minute exam warm-up, where they will receive key reminders from staff
- If students do not have an exam, they must attend their normal lessons as usual
- Full school uniform must be worn each day (blazer not required during exams), including correct school shoes

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Monday 15th June

- Students should arrive at school by 8:40am for their final Physics exam
- The exam will finish at approximately 10:30am
- Students will then have an extended break until 11:00am, with the canteen open
- Students may bring a white shirt to be signed during this time (signed shirts must not be worn in exams, in line with JCQ rules)
- A final Year 11 assembly will take place in the Main Hall, and students will be dismissed at around 12:00pm
- An ice cream van will also be on site (students will need cash if they wish to buy from it)

Tuesday 16th June onwards

- Students only need to attend school when they have an exam
- For morning exams students must arrive by 8:40am
- For afternoon exams students must arrive by 1:00pm
- Full school uniform must be worn (blazer not required during exams), including correct school shoes
- If a student arrives without correct uniform, items will be provided. Repeated failure to follow uniform rules may result in them not being allowed into the exam

Please note that exams cannot be rescheduled or sat on another day if they are missed. This is why it is crucial that students attend all exams wherever possible.

We strongly encourage students to get a good night's sleep before each exam and to eat breakfast in the morning. We also offer Magic Breakfast at school to ensure all students have access to free breakfast if needed.

We understand that exams can be a stressful time for some students. If your child is feeling anxious or worried, please encourage them to speak to their Tutor or a member of the Pastoral Team, who are there to support them.

I wish your child the very best of luck for their exams! I am looking forward to celebrating the success of students this summer on GCSE Results day on Thursday 20th August, followed by the Quest 6 enrolment.

Yours sincerely,



Miss A Ogunseye
Deputy Principal