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Dear Students, Parents and Carers of Year 11

As we approach the public exams we are writing to you with information regarding revision and exams.

Exam Timetables

All students should have an exam timetable that they collected from the Exams Office. Please ensure that it is in a prominent position at home so that you are aware when your son or daughter has exams. A generic timetable can also be viewed on the website.

Exam Entries

All students have been entered for all the subjects that they are currently studying. Exam fees are paid by the school and we will seek to recover the cost from parents/carers if students fail to arrive for an exam. Please be reminded that even if your son or daughter is ill they must arrive to take their exam. In exceptional circumstances a medical certificate can be applied for but note, these situations are rare.

Leaving Date

There is no official leaving date, students no longer have to attend once they have completed all their exams. All lessons will continue, but once a student has taken the exam for that particular lesson, the time can be used to revise for other subjects. Some students will also be offered the opportunity to complete the European Computer Driving Licence (ECDL) a nationally recognised qualification that is held in high esteem by employers. Once all the exams are completed a celebration will be arranged during the week of the 26th June 2017. Students will be individually invited.

Additional Revision Timetable

All students should be revising every evening at home and at the weekend to give themselves the best opportunity to do well in the exams and go on to compete for Higher and Further Education places. Students will also be revising in lessons. The attached timetable indicates specific revision sessions immediately prior to an exam. Again, this should be prominent at home and your son or daughter must attend these. Please note, the Maths sessions on Sundays and half term are essential. I'm sure that you will have read in the news how much more rigorous the Maths (and English) exams are this year. Your son or daughter has been well prepared for these and the revision sessions will secure their knowledge. Note, also, that the Library is open until 4.30pm daily for quiet revision.

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Pencil cases and water

All students will be given a clear pencil case to take into the exams, this will also contain necessary stationery. Only clear pencil cases can be used. All students will also be provided with a bottle of water with no label. (Note, water bottles with labels are prohibited in the exam).

Breakfasts

It is proven that students who eat prior to a long exam (and many are long!) are able to concentrate fully. With this in mind, all students who have a morning exam may collect a free bacon roll and a drink from 8.20am onwards.

During the exams

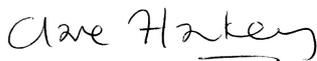
Please, please ensure that your son or daughter gets enough sleep. Exams need brain power and are exhausting, particularly the exams that are over 2 hours long. Early to bed, without their mobile phone! On the day of the exams students need to be ready to go into the exam 30 minutes before. For a 9.00am start, students need to be in the playground/Sports Hall from 8.30am and for an afternoon exam, from 1.30pm.

Finally,

The next 6 weeks are the most important weeks of your son or daughters lives so far, following this, doors will open and opportunities will arise when they receive their fantastic set of GCSE results. The time for relaxation and fun is after the exams. On a personal note we would like to wish all of Year 11 the very best of luck in the next few weeks. We have thoroughly enjoyed working closely with Year 11 who have been a truly fantastic year group. Equally, we could not have asked for a more supportive set of parents and carers. Thank you.

As always, if you have any queries regarding any aspect of the next few weeks please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,



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