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Dear Parents/Guardians of Year 11 Students,

## **Year 11 Revision, Exams and End of Year Celebrations**

As we rapidly approach the GCSE examinations we are writing to inform you of important details relating to revision, exams, end of year celebrations and the most effective ways of supporting your child in their preparations.

We are aware that this can be a very stressful time, so students have also been given advice and support to help them cope with the forthcoming demands. We know that you will be giving your child every support with their revision, but if you have any concerns about your son/daughter please do not hesitate to contact Mr Gethins, Miss Berry, Mr Hooper or indeed any member of teaching or pastoral staff for specific advice.

### **Exam Timetable**

Your child has been given a personalised exam timetable and this is also available on Edulink (via the 'Exams' icon).

Further guidance regarding revision for these exams can be found on the Arden Revision website:

<https://sites.google.com/arden.solihull.sch.uk/year-11-revision-resources/home>

In order to ensure, as far as possible, that your child has the opportunity to prepare thoroughly for their exams and to maximise their time with teaching staff, students will not be released for study leave before May half term. Between Monday 9th May and Friday 27th May, students are expected to start the school day as normal (8.40am every day in form time, except Wednesdays which is a 9am start), unless they have an exam, and will follow their normal timetable. *These final two weeks form Phase 3 of our revision programme.*

Attendance at these lessons is an essential element of the ongoing revision process and will allow as much input and guidance from our staff as is possible in order to ensure that students reach the examination fully prepared. We are sure that you will recognise the benefit of this and support this process. During the entire examination period students must attend school in full school uniform and this includes school shoes.

We have also attached a copy of our exam instructions, which contains important information about the rules and regulations for the GCSE exams and it would be useful to please share this with your son/daughter.



**From Monday 6th June**, students only need to come into school for examinations (8.40am for morning exams and 1.10pm for afternoon exams). Full school uniform is required and prompt arrival is essential. Please can we ask for your help in impressing on your son/daughter the need for sensible and appropriate behaviour during the exam period and please refer to the following guidelines:

- If students only have a morning exam they should return home to continue their revision.
- If students only have an afternoon exam they should arrive at school at 1:10pm.
- In both the scenarios listed above we will provide a school lunch service if required.
- If students have both a morning and an afternoon exam they should ideally remain on site at lunch time so we can ensure they are supervised. They are welcome to have a packed lunch or use the school serveries.
- Alternatively if a student has a morning and an afternoon exam we will allow them to return home for lunch. However they should not hang around in groups within the local area, or arrive in groups to purchase food from local shops.

During this period of examinations the students are still attending school and are, therefore, representing the school community. As such we would ask them to adhere to the same high standards of behaviour and appearance as normal.

### **Exams Contingency Day**

Please note; each year there is an '**exams contingency day**' set by JCQ and this year it is **Wednesday 29th June**, so please ensure your child is available that day in case this contingency day is required. Contingency days are needed, for example, if there is a major national or local incident resulting in exam cancellation, or a national day of mourning following the death of a senior royal. Please do not book a family holiday that includes this day.

### **Leavers Celebrations**

Separate communication will be sent out in due course regarding details of the Prom which is due to be held on Friday 1st July. Our celebration afternoon will be their '**last day**' in school and will take place after exams on **Tuesday 28th June**. This will include a year group lunch, year group and form group photos (taken by a school photographer and which will be available for you to purchase, so please ensure your child attends in their full school uniform and school shoes), and opportunities for shirt signing (after the photos have been taken) as well as the distribution of leavers hoodies and yearbooks and a farewell assembly. We will communicate timings and logistics of the last day after Easter.

Finally we would like to pass on our thanks to you as parents/guardians for your support over the last five years. Partnership is crucial and we want to thank you for all the support, energy and time you have given the school and it is important that this continues as we approach the final stretch.

Yours sincerely

Two handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature on the left is a cursive 'L' followed by a flourish. The second signature on the right is a cursive 'M' followed by a flourish.

**Miss L Page & Mr M Hooper**  
Deputy Headteachers