



BOD/DAW

1st May 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

Year 11 GCSE Diary - Week One

Here we go – the first written GCSE exams begin on Monday 14th May and run through until Thursday 21st June, so a busy month lies ahead.

Lessons will continue as normal up to the 25th May but throughout the examination period students should register at 8.45am and 1.00pm outside the sports hall, not in their usual tutor rooms. Morning exams generally begin at 9.00am, afternoon ones at 1.20pm.

It is possible that afternoon exams will finish after the buses have left, especially for students eligible for extra time. Please make sure that arrangements are in place for students to get home if this is likely.

Breakfast will be provided (free to examination students) in the canteen from 8.00am on the morning of exams with staff working with students to prepare for the morning's papers from 8.15am.

Mrs Milliner has given students an individual examination timetable and has emailed a copy to the school email address of every student. This shows what exams each student is sitting, when and where, down to the specific seat. These timetables are personalised and vary from student to student and they must be brought to each exam so that students know exactly where to go.

Exams will take place in the sports hall, gallery, main hall, lower sixth form study room or in small rooms around the school. Consult individual timetables to check the venues for each paper.

Staff will give time during period 3 for students to revise for afternoon exams, as far as the timing and preparations for exams in those period 3 subjects allows.

During the week beginning Monday 14th May, the key examinations are:

Monday 14th May

Morning: ICT (1 hour 30 minutes)

Computer Science (1 hour 30 minutes)

BTEC Music resit (1 hour)

Breakfast in the canteen from 8.00am for ICT, computer science & music students, revision with staff from 8.15am.

Afternoon: RE. The full course paper is 1 hour 45 minutes, the short course is 50 minutes. For students not sitting exams, or for those who have completed exams, the normal timetable will operate.

The regular after-school maths revision will be running as normal.

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Tuesday 15th May

Morning: French listening and reading. Times for these papers vary by tier, please check individual timetables.

Petit dejeuner in the canteen for French students from 8.00am, revision with staff from 8.15am.

Afternoon: Science, Biology paper 1, 1 hour 15 minutes.

For students not sitting exams, or for those who have completed exams, the normal timetable will operate.

Wednesday 16th May

Morning: PE, paper 1, 1 hour 15 minutes and BTEC **construction** (resit), 1 hour.

Breakfast in the canteen for PE and construction students from 8.00am, revision with staff from 8.15am.

Afternoon: RE 1 hour 45 minutes (full course), 50 minutes (short course).

For students not sitting exams, or for those who have completed exams, the normal timetable will operate. However, due to fixtures, there will be no practical PE lessons today. Students timetabled for PE will be redirected to revision rooms.

Thursday 17th May

Morning: Science, Chemistry paper 1, 1 hour 15 minutes.

Breakfast in the canteen from 8.00am, revision from 8.15am.

Afternoon: Computer Science, 1 hour 30 minutes.

For students not sitting exams, or for those who have completed exams, the normal timetable will operate.

Friday 18th May

Morning: French writing, 1 hour 15 minutes for foundation tier, 1 hour 30 minutes for higher.

Breakfast *avec croissants* in the canteen from 8.00am, revision from 8.15am.

Afternoon: PE, paper 2 (1 hour 15 minutes) and **Drama** (1 hour 30 minutes).

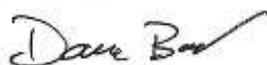
Students who do both of these subjects consult individual timetables to see how the clash is resolved.

For students not sitting exams, or for those who have completed exams, the normal timetable will operate.

At the end of exams, students must move away from the exam venues – there may be AS and A2 exams that continue beyond times set for GCSEs.

Don't forget to contact us if you have any worries or concerns at all during the exam period, we are here to help.

Best wishes



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