



10<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Dear Respected Parent/Carer of Year 11

Assalaamu alaikum - Peace be with you

**Ref: Getting Exam Ready, Our Exam Masterclasses**

The exam window is now upon us. Your daughter's sacrifices and hard work culminate in these final five weeks. I have no doubt that the time spent learning, revising, and preparing will be rewarded with brilliant results. **We have put together an Exam Ready Timetable that has been given to your child and is included across the next series of pages.** Know that every member of staff wishes your daughter well and is working hard to ensure her academic success.

**Looking after your daughter's wellbeing**

It is important that you look after her wellbeing during this period by remembering, and following these fundamentals:

- **There is no study leave so ensure she comes to school. Attendance means regular and structured revision sessions.** This will take the pressure off home and make it possible for a home-school balance, and by far greater exam success.
- An early and consistent bedtime: Sleep helps the brain retain knowledge and prepare for the day.
- A healthy breakfast: Your daughter needs the energy to sustain 2 hours of exam study.
- Regular breaks: It is important your daughter spends time away from exam preparation.
- Early arrival at school to make the most of our 8am pre-exam sessions.

**Your daughter is aware of the exam guidelines, and it is important she follows them.** This includes not wearing a watch on exam days, having no writing on her body, bringing her Lanyard for identification, carrying equipment in a clear pencil case, and drinking water from a clear bottle (metal bottles are not allowed).

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- **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July:** Leavers Celebration Evening [Please see the letter and information sent out].
- **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August:** At 8am we will be open and ready to hand out your daughters' results.

It has been a pleasure to support your child and I wish her the very best in the coming days and weeks.

Yours Sincerely

Lisa Kiely

Deputy Principal



## Exam Masterclasses

- Please see the adaptations made to the school timetable to help prepare you better for your GCSE exams.
- There is no study leave. Pupils are expected to attend school daily until the end of the exam period.
- Normal lessons will take place where and when it is possible, however, masterclasses and exam preparation sessions are due to take place at different intervals as outlined below.

As parents, we ask that you support the school and so your child's success by **ensuring your daughter attends every day during the exam period**. We would like to also remind you that attendance at exams is mandatory and a failure to attend will record a grade U and impact on your child's overall performance.

### Week 1 of 5

Date	Exam	Lesson	Timetable changes for exams	
Monday 16th May		Lesson 3	Computer Science Master Class	11y/PE: Geography exam skill session
		Lesson 4		Normal lessons for all other pupils
		<b>Computer Science Paper 1 - 1:30pm</b> Finish time – 1hr30min (3pm)	Lesson 5 & 6	Science masterclass [all pupils not in exam]
		<b>Intervention</b>	After school until 4pm	Computer Science Pupils - Science Master class until 4pm
Tues 17th May	<b>Science Biology Paper 1: 9am</b> Finish time: Combined Science 1hr 10mins (10:15am) Single Science – 1hr 45min (10:50am) 8am-8:40: Exam prep time in canteen			
		Lesson 5 & 6	English Masterclass	
Wed 18th May	<b>English Language Paper 1 – 9am</b> Finish time: 1hr 45mins – (10:45) 8am-8:40: Exam prep time in canteen			
		Lesson 5 & 6	History Master Class	Normal lesson for all other pupils
Thurs 19th May	<b>History Paper 1: Section BB – 9am</b> Finish time: 1hr (10am) 8am-8:40: Exam prep time in canteen	Lesson 1	Normal lessons for non-Historians	
		Lesson 2		
		Lesson 3 & 4	Maths Masterclass	
		Lesson 5	Art pupils: Self-study with maths specialist	
		Lesson 6	11x PE: Self-study with maths specialist	
Fri 20th May	<b>Maths Paper 1 Non Calculator – 9am</b> Finish time - 1hr 30min – 10:30am 8am-8:40: Exam prep time in canteen			
		10:45am–12:05pm	Geography Masterclass 10:50am-11:50am	Non-Geographers: Self study

**Please note: An English intervention session will take place on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May for selected pupils.**

Week 2 of 5

Date	Exam	Lesson	Timetable changes for exams		
Mon 23rd May	<b>Geography Paper 1 – 9am</b> Finish time 1hr30min (10:30am)	Lesson 1	11x/Hi1 – French		
		Lesson 2			
		Lesson 3	Citizenship pre-exam masterclass	11y/Hi1 – French	
		Lesson 4			
	<b>Citizenship Paper 1 – 1:30pm</b> Finish time 1hr45min (3:15pm)	Lesson 5 & 6	French Masterclass	Sports Studies Retrieval Session	
Tues 24th May	<b>French Listening and Reading – 9am</b> Finish time Higher: 1hr 45min (10:45). Foundation: 1hr 20min (10:20) 8am-8:40: Exam prep time in canteen				
		Lesson 3	Maths lesson		
		Lesson 4	Sports Studies pre-exam session	Science lesson for all others	
		<b>Sports Studies - 1:30pm</b> Finish time 1hr (2:30pm) <b>Final Sports Studies exam!</b>	Lesson 5	English Master class	
		Lesson 6			
Wed 25th May	<b>English Lit Paper 1 – 9am</b> Finish time 1hr45min (10:45am) 8am-8:40: Exam prep time in canteen				
		Lesson 5 & 6	Chemistry Masterclass		
Thurs 26th May	<i>Spanish exam taking place for 2 year 11 pupils.</i>				
		Lesson 4	Computer Masterclass	Science	
		Lesson 5 & 6	Chemistry Masterclass		
Fri 27th May	<b>Science: Chemistry – 9am</b> Finish time Single Science 1hr 45min (10:45am) Combined Science 1hr 10min (10:10am) 8am-8:40: Exam prep time in canteen				
		Lesson 3	Geography Y band Masterclass		
		Lesson 4		Computer Science prep session	
	Computer Science pupils remain on school site for their afternoon exam. Please facilitate packed lunch. Free School Meal will be provided.				
	<b>Computer Science Paper 2 – 1:30pm</b> Finish time 2hr (3:30pm) <b>Final Computer Science exam!</b>				

## Half Term Intervention Timetable

	Session 1: 10am-12pm	Session 2: 12:30pm – 2:30pm
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Science	English
<b>Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May</b>	Maths	History
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June</b>	Citizenship	Selective [bespoke/mixture]

Names of pupils invited to intervention will be shared closer to half term. Pupils will receive bespoke retrieval packs for independent learning. Please do ensure your child visits MS Teams regularly for key notices from teachers and retrieval of key revision resources.

If your daughter is invited to intervention, please ensure that she attends.

- She has been selected out of 120 pupils.
- Our staff have given up their time to plan and deliver an intervention session.
- The session has been tailored to the needs of the pupils invited.

### How much work should my child complete during the holidays?

It is important that your daughter continues to sustain revision throughout the half term break. Most GCSE exams are about knowing more and remembering more. The retrieval of knowledge **regularly and spaced** is key to a powerful performance. The time for focused independent retrieval of learning is **NOW**.

## No Opportunity Wasted

Expect and plan for a balance between activities for wellbeing and revision throughout the break.

We would encourage:

- Around 3 to 5 daily revision slots of 30/40 minutes focused on different subjects/topics. Some pupils will successfully do more or longer sessions.
- Exam practice, using past papers or exemplar papers provided.
- Opportunities for paired revision with friends or family members of the same age. You can also ask questions or test your child, from revision material with answers given, always good to boost the confidence of your child.

Plan for intentional breaks and opportunities to leave the house to undertake activities for pleasure and wellbeing.

Plan for at least two days off during the nine-day gap from Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May until Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June.

Keep family demands on your daughter's time to the minimum possible.

Help your daughter create a plan that allows every subject to receive dedicated revision time. Like the example below which models 4 x 40-minute revision slots and shows the importance of having regular breaks and doing something for pleasure in the evening.

9am - 9:40am	10am - 10:40am	11am - 11:40am	2pm – 2:40pm	Evening
Maths	Geography/History	Physics	English	Film night with friends!

Some pupils may start revision later in the morning and prefer to work till later in the evening. Some pupils may be able to revise for longer sessions and then take a break. Ensure that your daughter receives around 8 hours of sleep through the night.

**Your daughter has access to revision tips (including help on how best to revise and revision templates) via MS Teams.**

Week 3 of 5

Date	Exam	Lesson	Timetable changes for exams	
Mon 6th June	<b>No exam</b>	Lesson 1	Maths Masterclasses	
		Lesson 2		
		Lesson 3	Geography Masterclass	History Masterclass
		Lesson 4	Science Masterclass	
		Lesson 5		
		Lesson 6	English Masterclass	
Tues 7th June	<b>Maths Paper 2 Calculator – 9am</b> Finish time - 1hr 30min – 10:30am 8am-8:40: Exam prep time in canteen			
		Lesson 3	Geography Pre-Exam session	English Masterclass for Historians
		Lesson 4		
	<b>Geography Paper 2 - 1:30pm</b> Finish time - 1hr 15min – 2:45pm	Lesson 5	Normal Mathematics Lesson	
		Lesson 6	Normal History and French lesson	
	<b>INTERVENTION (3:05-4pm)</b>	English Masterclass for Geographers		
Wed 8th June	<b>English Lit Paper 2 – 9am</b> Finish time - <b>1hr 45min</b> – 10:45am 8am-8:40: Exam prep time in canteen			
		11am – 11:45pm	Maths Masterclass	
		11:45am-12:15pm	Physics Masterclass	
		Lesson 5		
		Lesson 6	History Masterclass	English Masterclass for Geographers
Thurs 9th June	<b>History Paper 1 Section AB</b> Finish time - 1hr – 10am 8am-8:40: Exam prep time in canteen	Lesson 1	Normal lessons for non-historians	
		Lesson 2		
		Lesson 4 & 5	Physics Pre-Exam Session	
	<b>Science: Physics Paper 1 - 1:30pm</b> Finish time: Combined Science 1hr 10mins (2:40pm) Single Science – 1hr 45min (3:15pm)			
	<b>INTERVENTION</b>	Bespoke English intervention will happen		
Friday 10th June	<b>English Language - Paper 2 – 9am</b> Finish time - <b>1hr 45min</b> – 10:45am 8am-8:40: Exam prep time in canteen <b>Final English exam!</b>			
		11am-12:30pm	Maths Masterclass	

Week 4 of 5

Date	Exam	Lesson	Timetable changes for exams	
Mon 13th June	<b>Maths Paper 3 Calculator – 9am</b> Finish time - 1hr 30min – 10:30am 8am-8:40: Exam prep time in canteen <b>Final Mathematics exam!</b>			
		Lesson 4	Creative iMedia Pre-Exam prep session	Geography [x band] retrieval session
	<b>Creative iMedia Paper 1 – 1:30pm</b> Finish time – 1hr 15min – 2:45pm <b>Final Creative iMedia exam!</b>	Lesson 5	Science masterclass	
		Lesson 6	Geography [y band] Retrieval session	All other pupils: Citizenship and Biology retrieval time
	<b>INTERVENTION</b>	Geography intervention will happen		
Tues 14th June	<b>Geography Paper 3 – 9am</b> Finish time - 1hr (10am) <b>Final Geography exam!</b>	Lesson 1	French Masterclass for all Historians	
		Lesson 2		
		Lesson 3	Pre-exam preparation for Citizenship pupils	French Masterclass for all Geographers
		Lesson 4		
	<b>Citizenship Paper 1 – 1:30pm</b> Finish time - 1hr 45min (3:15pm) <b>Final Citizenship exam!</b>	Lesson 5	Biology Paper 2 Preparation Masterclass	
Lesson 6				
	<b>Intervention</b>	Science intervention for selected pupils		
Wed 15th June	<b>Science: Biology Paper 2: 9am</b> Finish time: Combined Science 1hr 10mins (10:10am) Single Science – 1hr 45min (10:45am) 8am-8:40: Exam prep time in canteen			
		Lesson 4	French Writing Masterclass	
		Lesson 5		
		Lesson 6		
Thurs 16th June		Lesson 1	Physics Masterclass	
		Lesson 2		
		Lesson 3	French pre-exam preparation time	
		Lesson 4		
	<b>French Writing – 1:30pm</b> Finish time: Foundation (1hr5min – 2:35pm) Higher (1hr20min – 2:50pm) [Pupils not completing French will complete bespoke sessions for Science preparation] <b>Final French exam!</b>			
Friday 17th June	<i>Two pupils will be completing Spanish Writing Exam.</i>	8:15am-12:05pm	Science Masterclass Carousel for Chemistry	

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Mon 20th June	<b>Science: Chemistry Paper 2 – 9am</b> Finish time Single Science 1hr 45min (10:45am) Combined Science 1hr 10min (10:10am) 8am-8:40: Exam prep time in canteen		
		Lesson 3-6	All history pupils remain for History Masterclass Selected pupils remain for Physics preparation
Tues 21st June	<b>History Paper 2 Section BC</b> Finish time - 1hr – 10am 8am-8:40: Exam prep time in canteen <b>Final History exam!</b>	Lesson 1	<b>Historians must be on site for 7:50am</b> <b>Geographers to attend school site from 10:10am</b>
		Lesson 2	
Tues 21st June	<b>Only one exam left!</b> All exams are hard, but we know Physics is one of the hardest.  <b>We need 100% attendance at our Physics Masterclasses!</b>  Our teachers will be planning a carousel of subject specific retrieval sessions. <b>Make sure your child attends!</b>	Lesson 3-6	<b>Physics Masterclass:</b> The Science team will run a series of masterclass workshops through the breadth of Physics Paper 2.
Wed 22nd June	<b>No exam</b>	8:15am–3:05pm	<b>Physics Masterclass:</b> The Science team will run a series of masterclass workshops through the breadth of Physics Paper 2.
Thurs 23rd June	<b>Science: Physics Paper 2 – 9am</b> Finish time Single Science 1hr 45min (10:45am) Combined Science 1hr 10min (10:10am) 8am-8:40: Exam prep time in canteen <b>FINAL EXAM</b>		
	<b>All Year 11 pupils are free to leave the school site from 11:30am.</b>		

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