



6th May 2025

Dear Parents, Carers & Sixth Formers

Re: Year 13 Run-up to Public Exams

I am writing regarding the details for Year 13 students over their remaining weeks with us.

Timetabled Lessons:

Lessons will continue after the Public Exams have started. This is to ensure that students get the opportunity to get expert advice and teaching right up until their final exam. We would strongly encourage and advise all Year 13 to attend these lessons, as their teachers will be able to support their revision and prepare them for their exams. Good attendance is vital in these remaining days/weeks and has a direct impact on student outcomes.

Study Leave:

This will start after the May half term. Upon the students' return from the half-term break, lessons will continue to be offered for students if they wish to attend. We would advise all students to attend these sessions, but realise exams will clash with lessons, therefore, they will no longer be compulsory.

Revision Advice

The quality of the revision the students are doing can be far more important than simply the quantity. We often speak to students who say they are doing hours of revision, yet feel they are not getting anywhere. This is usually because the revision they are doing is not effective or is passive. A number of common revision techniques such as highlighting, re-reading or re-writing are very low impact but can make a student feel like they have done a lot of work. Research shows the two most effective forms of revision are testing and teaching - 'the protégé effect'. This is what the students should be focusing on over the remaining days and weeks. I have attached two links to this which have further information below. The more we can all support students to ensure their revision is effective, the better their outcomes will be.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-22565912>

<https://www.theguardian.com/teacher-network/2016/apr/19/students-revise-exams-revision-science>

Public Exams:

Morning exams will start at 8:45am and we ask that all students are there at least 30 minutes before the start of the exam. Students are welcome to leave their bags and any other possessions, including all mobile phones and other electronic devices in the Sixth Form Office. Afternoon exam sessions will begin at 1pm and again, arrival at least 30 minutes before is expected with the option of leaving all their possessions in the Sixth Form Office. Ms Cumming, Exams Officer, will be publishing the exam timetable soon.

We realise that this can be a time of anxiety for some students, and whilst this is perfectly normal, if it becomes too much or students feel overwhelmed, they should seek support from their tutor, Ms Uddin or a member of the Sixth Form team who will be able to help.

Leavers event:

Our year 13 leavers event will be on the afternoon of Friday 20th June at 1pm, this will be a special time for the students to celebrate the end of their exams and welcome their long summer before going onto their next journey.

Thank you in advance for your support and should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully

The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink. The signature on the left is for Ms Bird, and the signature on the right is for Ms Case. Both signatures are fluid and cursive.

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