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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Information about Year 11 GCSE Lesson Arrangements, Revision Support during Examination Season

As we approach the summer examination season, I am writing to provide clear information about lesson arrangements, revision support, examinations, and results day, so that together we can best support our Year 11 students in the crucial weeks ahead. Together, we can make a significant difference in the time remaining before the examinations.

Attendance and Normal Lessons (up until Friday, 8 May)

Students will **continue to attend lessons as normal up to and including Friday, 8 May**. Maintaining high levels of attendance during this period is essential, as teachers are using every lesson to consolidate learning, address gaps, and prepare students directly for their first examinations.

There are, however, a small number of **targeted withdrawals from lessons** to allow subject specialists to deliver focused examination preparation immediately before specific examinations:

Arrangements for Friday, 1 May

Students who study health and social care will miss their lesson during period 5 so that they can prepare for their examination with the health and social care department. **The rest of the students in Year 11 will be in lessons as normal.** Students who study health and social care should go to the main canteen where they will be supported with their revision for their examination.

Arrangements for Tuesday, 5 May

Students who study health and social care will miss tutor time and period 1 so that they can attend their examination. They should line up in The Street for their examination at 08:45. They will return to lessons once their examination is finished during period 2. **The rest of the students in Year 11 will be in their tutor time and lessons as usual.**

Arrangements for Thursday, 7 May

Students who study GCSE citizenship will miss their lesson during period 3 so that they can prepare for their examination with the citizenship department. **The rest of the students in Year 11 will be in lessons as normal.** Students who study citizenship should go to the main canteen where they will be supported with revision for their examination. GCSE citizenship students will have their lunch break early. They should get lunch from the new canteen between 12:10-12:25, before the Year 10s arrive in the new canteen for their lunch. They can then use the same areas as usual for lunch but can also go to the assembly hall to revise if they wish to before lining up for their exam at 12:50. **The rest of the students in Year 11 will be in lessons as normal.** Citizenship students will return to their period 5 lesson once their examination has finished.

Arrangements for Friday, 8 May

Students who study GCSE drama will miss their lesson during period 3 so that they can prepare for their examination with the drama department. **The rest of the students in Year 11 will be in lessons as normal.** Students who study drama should go to the main canteen where they will be supported with their revision for their examination. GCSE drama students will have their lunch break early. They should get lunch from the new canteen between 12:10-12:25, before the Year 10s arrive in the new canteen for their lunch. They can then use the same areas as usual for lunch but can also go to the assembly hall to revise if they wish to before lining up for their exam at 12:50. **The rest of the year group will be in lessons as normal.** Drama students will return to their period 5 lesson once their examination has finished.

Revision Timetable from Monday, 11 May

National evidence shows that many students find it difficult to sustain effective independent revision over the **extended examination window** introduced following the pandemic.

With this in mind, from **Monday, 11 May** we will move to a **structured revision timetable**, which will run **throughout the entire examination window**.

- **All students are expected to attend every day until at least 12:25 and they must stay longer if they have an examination in the afternoon.**
- Sessions will be led by **subject specialist teachers**.
- Lessons will focus on **examination preparation, targeted revision, and practice**.

These sessions are a vital part of our support offer and give students their best opportunity to maximise outcomes.

If you have any concerns regarding the revision timetable, please contact me directly and I will be happy to discuss these with you. Below is what the revision timetable looks like, and we will share the full timetable in advance.

Revision Timetable Commencing on Monday, 11 May

08:30-08:45	Main canteen Revision with members of the relevant department present to support and advise students.	
08:45-09:00	Line up in the street for morning examinations	
09:30-10:05	Study area – Main canteen	
10:05-11:05	Study area – Main canteen	10:45-11:25 – Revision Session 1 Subjects running revision sessions for examinations in the afternoon or the following morning
11:05-11:25	Break time as usual	
11:25-12:25	Study area – New canteen Food served between 11:30-12:00	11:25-12:25 – Revision Session 2 Subjects running revision sessions for examinations in the afternoon or the following morning
12:30-12:45	Assembly hall – Revision with members of the relevant department present to support and advise students.	
12:45-13:00	Line up in street for afternoon examinations	

Summer Examination Timetable and Contingency Day

The full summer examination timetable is attached to the email. Individual timetables will be issued to students shortly.

Please note the **national contingency day**, during which all students must be available in case an examination session needs to be rescheduled nationally:

- **Wednesday, 24 June**

ALL STUDENTS MUST BE AVAILABLE ON THIS DAY JUST IN CASE

Revision Guidance and Wellbeing

We continue to encourage students to use active revision strategies, such as:

- Practice examination questions and papers
- Flashcards and self-testing
- Mind maps and summaries in their own words
- Teaching content to someone else

Alongside academic preparation, student wellbeing remains a priority. Our pastoral team is available to support students during what can be a demanding and stressful period. Please contact us if you have any concerns.

Examination Regulations

Examination rules have been explained in assemblies and will be revisited. Understanding and following examination regulations is essential to avoid any risk of malpractice. The examination rules slides are attached to the email for your reference.

A Shared Commitment

This summer, our students will be among millions nationally sitting GCSE and equivalent qualifications. Consistent attendance, structured revision, and strong partnership between school and home can make a significant difference in the final outcomes.

Thank you for your continued support. Together, we can ensure our Year 11 students are fully prepared and confident as they face their examinations.

Yours faithfully,



Mr Bannon
Deputy Headteacher