



April 2024

Dear Parents/Carers of Year 11 Students,

Re: GCSE Examinations Starting on Monday, 15 May 2024

As we get closer to the start of the main Public Examination season, which starts for students on Thursday, 9 May or Friday, 10 May 2024, depending on their examination subjects, I would like to take this opportunity to share important information about the next couple of months.

We will have an assembly with students where we will remind students of the rules they must follow, **particularly about not having mobile phones on them when they sit an examination**. These rules are set nationally by the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) for all schools.

We have attached a poster from the JCQ about unauthorised items in examinations, specifically watches and mobiles and another warning poster to candidates from the JCQ reminding students of key regulations. The attached PowerPoint (PDF document) summarises some of the main points.

When students arrive at school, the seating plans and room arrangements for each examination are displayed in The Street outside the main examination venue, the Sports Hall. Students are very familiar with how to check this daily.

We have also attached an overall timetable for this summer and students have received their own individual timetable based on their examined subjects.

All morning examinations start promptly. Students must be lined up by 08:45 for morning examinations and 12:45 for afternoon examinations.

Students should arrive at least 15 minutes before their examination starts in full school uniform.

The Main Canteen will be available for students to revise before their morning examinations. Please ensure your child brings the following as a minimum to ALL examinations:

- Three of four **black pens**
- A pencil
- A ruler
- A calculator
- Mathematics equipment for mathematics or science examinations
- A clear pencil case

As we get closer to the examination season starting, we will continue to support students with targeted examination preparation sessions before and after school and there will be revision sessions during the Easter holiday.

Students will be targeted to attend certain sessions during the Easter holiday based on progress they are making and we will contact you letting you know which sessions they should attend.

We will contact you again closer to the examinations, updating you about what else we will be offering students to ensure they are fully prepared and supported for their examinations.

Below is a table of the examination boards for every subject so that students know which practice papers to download, and which revision materials may be helpful.

Year 11 Examination Boards

Subject	Qualification Title	Board	Syllabus No.	QAN	Level
English Language	GCSE Level 1/Level GCSE in English Language	AQA	8700	60142923	2
English Literature	GCSE Level 1/Level GCSE in English Literature	AQA	8702	60144476	2
Mathematics	Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9-1) in Mathematics	Edexcel	1MA1	60147003	2
Mathematics (Further)	AQA Level 2 Certificate in Further Mathematics	AQA	8365	60331045	2
Biology	Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9-1) Biology	Edexcel	1BI0	60186100	2
Chemistry	Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9-1) Chemistry	Edexcel	1CH0	60186112	2
Physics	Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9-1) Physics	Edexcel	1PH0	60186094	2
Science	Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9-1) Combined Science	Edexcel	1SC0	60186124	2
Art & Design	Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9-1) in Art and Design	Edexcel	1AD0	60180699	2
Art & Design: Fine Art	Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9-1) in Art and Design	Edexcel	1FA0	60180699	2
Art & Design: Graphic Communication	Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9-1) in Art and Design	Edexcel	1GC0	60180699	2
Art & Design: Textiles Design	Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9-1) in Art and Design	Edexcel	1TE0	60180699	2
Media Studies	GCSE Level 1/Level GCSE in Media Studies	AQA	8572	60321052	2
Food & Nutrition	OCR GCSE (9-1) Food Preparation & Nutrition	OCR	J309B	60183792	2
Design & Technology	AQA Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in Design and Technology	AQA	8552	60309842	2
Citizenship	Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9-1) in Citizenship Studies	Edexcel	1CS0	60182441	2
Drama	Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9-1) in Drama	Edexcel	1DR0A	60184917	2
French	Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9-1) French	Edexcel	1FR0	60187086	2
Spanish	Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9-1) Spanish	Edexcel	1SP0	60187104	2
Geography	Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9-1) Geography	Edexcel	1GE0	60181345	2
Health & Social Care	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Tech Award in Health and Social Care	Edexcel	-	60370476	1-2
History	Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9-1) History	Edexcel	1HI0	60180924	2
Computer Science	OCR Level 1/2 GCSE (9-1) in Computer Science [NEW]	OCR	J277	6018355X	2
ICT Creative iMedia	OCR Level 1/2 Cambridge National Certificate in Creative iMedia	CNAT	J834	60370907	1-2
Music	Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9-1) Music	Edexcel	1MU0	60182040	2
Music Technology	NCFE Level 1/2 Technical Award In Music Technology	NCFE	-	60370087	2
Physical Education	AQA Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in Physical Education	AQA	8582	60182799	2
Religious Studies	AQA GCSE Religious Studies A	AQA	8062MA	60184000	2

Finally, on behalf of all teachers and the Year 11 Team, we would like to wish students the very best in their examinations.

If you have any questions, please do get in touch.

Thank you for your continued support this year.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Bannon', written in a cursive style.

Mr Bannon
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