



# Year 11 Examination Information Evening



# The Aim of the Evening

- Establish the key dates
- What to do on the day of an exam
- The plan for study leave/stay
- Results day
- How you can help your child



# Information

- All of tonight's information will be sent home and some put on the school website
- Copies of the following have been sent home:
  - After-school support / revision sessions
  - Intervention letters

Staff will be available at the end of the evening to answer any questions.



## Key Dates

- **Exam timetables** will be issued to students on W/B February 24th and will be published on Edulink
- **25<sup>th</sup> May - 29<sup>th</sup> May** May half term , no public examinations
- **Mon 11<sup>th</sup> May – Fri 12<sup>th</sup> June inclusive** Exam period
- **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June** Contingency Day
- **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June** Sixth Form Induction Day
- **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August 10am - 12am** GCSE Results (Main Hall)



## Individual Exam Timetable: Timetabled Components



Timetabled Components						
Date	Start	Duration	Board	Level	Element	Component
TBA	N/A	0	EDEXL/GCS	GCSE /B	5FR04: French 4	5FR0401: Writing
TBA	N/A	0	EDEXL/GCS	GCSE /B	5AB01: Applied Business 1	5AB0101: How Businesses Work
Mon 16/05/2016	09:00	90	EDEXL/GCS	GCSE /B	5RS01: Religious Studies 1	5RS0101: Re/Life/Christ/Other/Rel
Tue 17/05/2016	09:00	35	EDEXL/GCS	GCSE /B	5FR03: French 3	5FR033F: Reading (F)
Tue 17/05/2016	09:00	50	EDEXL/GCS	GCSE /B	5FR03: French 3	5FR033H: Reading (H)
Tue 17/05/2016	09:00	25	EDEXL/GCS	GCSE /B	5FR01: French 1	5FR011F: Listening (F)
Tue 17/05/2016	09:00	35	EDEXL/GCS	GCSE /B	5FR01: French 1	5FR011H: Listening (H)
Tue 17/05/2016	13:00	60	AQA	GCSE /B	BL1HP: Biology Unit 1 Tier H	BL1HP: Biology Unit 1 Tier H
Wed 18/05/2016	13:00	90	EDEXL/GCS	GCSE /B	5RS08: Religious Studies 8	5RS0801: Rel/Society
Thu 19/05/2016	09:00	60	AQA	GCSE /B	CH1HP: Chemistry Unit 1 Tier H	CH1HP: Chemistry Unit 1 Tier H
Mon 23/05/2016	09:00	90	AQA	GCSE /B	97151H: English Literature Unit 1 Tier H	97151H: English Literature Unit 1 Tier H
Tue 24/05/2016	09:00	90	AQA	GCSE /B	48101: Media Studies Unit 1	48101: Media Studies Unit 1
Tue 24/05/2016	09:00	120	AQA	GCSE /B	45401: D & T: Electronic Products Unit 1	45401: D & T: Electronic Products Unit 1
Wed 25/05/2016	09:00	60	EDEXL/GCS	GCSE /B	5AB02: Applied Business 2	5AB0201: Financial Records
Wed 25/05/2016	13:00	60	AQA	GCSE /B	PH1HP: Physics Unit 1 Tier H	PH1HP: Physics Unit 1 Tier H
Thu 26/05/2016	09:00	105	OCR	GCSE /FC	J567H: Mathematics B (Higher)	J567/03: Mathematics B: Paper 3 (Higher)
Fri 27/05/2016	09:00	75	AQA	GCSE /B	97152H: English Literature Unit 2H	97152H: English Literature Unit 2 Tier H
Tue 07/06/2016	09:00	135	AQA	GCSE /B	ENG1H: Eng/Eng Lang Unit 1 Tier H	ENG1H: English/English Language Unit 1H
Thu 09/06/2016	09:00	105	OCR	GCSE /FC	J567H: Mathematics B (Higher)	J567/04: Mathematics B: Paper 4 (Higher)
Fri 10/06/2016	09:00	60	AQA	GCSE /B	BL2HP: Biology Unit 2 Tier H	BL2HP: Biology Unit 2 Tier H
Fri 10/06/2016	09:00	60	AQA	GCSE /B	BL3HP: Biology Unit 3 Tier H	BL3HP: Biology Unit 3 Tier H
Wed 15/06/2016	13:00	60	AQA	GCSE /B	CH3HP: Chemistry Unit 3 Tier H	CH3HP: Chemistry Unit 3 Tier H
Wed 15/06/2016	13:00	60	AQA	GCSE /B	CH2HP: Chemistry Unit 2 Tier H	CH2HP: Chemistry Unit 2 Tier H
Fri 17/06/2016	09:00	60	AQA	GCSE /B	PH3HP: Physics Unit 3 Tier H	PH3HP: Physics Unit 3 Tier H
Fri 17/06/2016	09:00	60	AQA	GCSE /B	PH2HP: Physics Unit 2 Tier H	PH2HP: Physics Unit 2 Tier H

Listed in Date/Time order

LANGUAGES: Reading paper follows on after the Listening

EXAMS CLASH: Student will receive a revised schedule in writing well in advance





## On exam day

- **Arrival times:**
  - 9.00am start - 8.30am arrival at the latest
  - 1.00pm start for ET and 1.30pm for those without – 12.30pm arrival at room
- **Late Arrivals:** please inform us if an issue arises and ensure your child is here ASAP (keep under supervision & away from internet to ensure exam integrity)
- **Exam rooms and seating plans:** are on the **Year 11 Noticeboard** outside the Sports Hall
- **Illness:**
  - Written exams cannot be taken at a later date – please do your utmost to get your son in
  - Inform us ASAP of any issues affecting exam attendance
  - Doctor's appointment on the same day; doctor's note to the Exams Officer within 3 working days of the missed exam date.



# Equipment and Malpractice

**Students must provide all their own equipment (bring spares):**



- BLACK ink or ball point pen must be used for all papers
- HB pencil
- Specialist equipment for specific exam papers eg calculator / geometry kit for Maths, highlighter pens for English (not to be used on answer papers), colouring pencils for D&T / Geography
- Water in a clear plastic bottle with the label removed
- Pencil cases that are transparent case or use a plastic bag

**Not to be brought into the exam room (MALPRACTICE):**



- Bags, coats/jackets
- Mobile/Smartphone or other technological/web enabled source of information (eg iPod, Smartwatch, MP3/4 player, wristwatch with data storage facility)
- Calculator lids / cases or instruction books
- Earphones or headphones



# STUDY LEAVE/STAY





## Study Leave/Stay

- All students are to attend school full time up until the end of their last exam - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May – the examination period begins
- Students will still go to booster sessions or timetabled lessons even if that subject has finished.



## Study Leave/Stay

- Teachers will have been briefed on different revision techniques students can use
- Booster sessions will run before morning exams from 8am - 8.45am, during lesson 2, and after school from 3.10-4.10pm. We strongly recommend that students attend all of these.
- Students will need to be in full school uniform for study leave and for exams



## Why is this the plan?

- Students maintain their contact with teachers and stay in school mode
- The exam window this year is very compact (over 4 weeks)
- Current Year 12 students stated that staying in school kept them in work mode and that they found the booster sessions incredibly useful
- Can take the stress away from students and parents in having to do everything independently



# Tips for study stay and revision

- Bring past papers, spare paper & pens, text books, exercise books, revision guides
- Prepare mind maps, cue cards etc before study leave
- Water bottle and food
- Try and revise independently
- Teachers will run booster sessions on the day before and day off the exam
- Students should avoid revising whilst listening to music and should certainly turn their phones off



# RESULTS DAY



# Results day

## What happens if the student is unable to pick up their results on results day?

- The results certificate is the property of the student. If they are unable to pick it up they can either:
  1. Provide the school with a stamped addressed envelope prior to the end of the summer term. The examinations officer will then post the results.
  2. The student can write a hand signed letter to the Examinations Officer, prior to the end of the summer term, giving a specified person permission to pick up their results
- We cannot give the results to anyone other than the student without written permission from the student. We will also not email results



# Results day

## Transition to Post 16 education

- The Sixth Form team will be available on results day to book a further meeting time with you and your child to discuss options if necessary. Appointments are available to discuss post-16 options on the Friday and Monday following results day.
- Applications for Sixth Form are still welcome
- This might be necessary if results are lower or higher than expected
- Re-marks set up on the day. An envelope issued containing recommended remarks. Payment will be set up online in July. Exams officer present on results day. Email exams officer with any queries on this.
- We aim to be as flexible as possible with regards to entry to our 6<sup>th</sup> form but we do have clear entry criteria for each course



# How you can Help





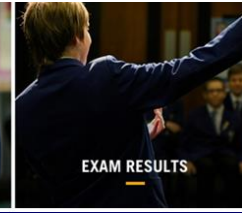
# Support their organisation

- Find and agree a revision/working space at home
- Get a chair they can sit up in
- NO PHONE
- Reduce work hours
- Get equipped - coloured pens / files / paper / cue cards / “post it” notes
- List what needs to be revised for each topic (Departments will provide this)
- Create and go through a revision timetable with them



## Support their organisation at home

- Help them / encourage them to create a revision timetable. Get Revising is an excellent online version
- Put in the exams
- Put in some rewards and gaps for rest – let the brain recover
- They will still get homework – build that in
- Aim for only a couple of subjects per school evening
- At the start they will need more time per topic / at the end more topics can be covered each session
- Pin it up and tick off the days



# Useful Resources

- Just before half term you should have received a list of resources used in departments

## For organisation

- Gojimo
- Getrevising
- Goconqr

## For theory

- GCSE Pod
- Ezy Education (Maths and Science)



# Encourage them to use different techniques

- Attend after school revision sessions
- Practice papers and questions
- Mind maps
- Create posters
- Cue cards
- GCSEPOD and EzyEducation (Make notes and answer questions)
- Offer to test them
- Use digital resources

Try and keep revision  
visual and active!!!



## BEFORE THE EXAM

- Know the exam timetable – help them sort lifts etc. Know where and when they need to be each day
- Before the exam, check the exact subjects, know the structure, marking schemes, time management etc. They will do this in school as well
- Make sure they have **EVERYTHING** they will need- including spares



# On the day of the Exam

- Make sure you have the correct start time
- Make sure they eat breakfast / take a something to eat on the way
- Check they have equipment including a BLACK PEN
- Make sure they have a water bottle without a label
- Wear the correct uniform



# Who to ask?

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