

Ref: Year 11 Exams

Thursday 9th May 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

As GCSE exams begin, we are writing to share the arrangements for the exam period. We are very conscious of the change in routine for students and families and have reviewed student timetables/schedules to ensure all students feel prepared and refreshed throughout the season, so they can perform optimally.

Taking this into consideration, as we enter the exam period, week commencing 13th May; there will be a hybrid of masterclass revision sessions, exams, late starts and early finishes. Students will be given an overview of this plan along with their exam timetable. **There is also a copy attached with timings up to half term on the additional page.** Whenever students' start/finish time is adapted, we will send a text reminder to all parents. We will also ensure students have access to food each day. If you wish your child to remain in school, please communicate this through their Head of Year – Mrs Jones: kjones@corecity.academy

We believe this hybrid approach will allow the right balance for preparedness, but also time for well-being, building the capacity to recover and be resilient throughout the exam series. Intervention will continue throughout half term and some Saturdays to aid with exam preparation.

All students have been given access to educational platforms and we would encourage you to check that they are accessing these regularly. We ask parents to support us further by getting their child into school for every exam at the right time, in correct uniform. This current group of year 11s have done themselves proud so far, we implore them to compliment this with maximum effort in the last part of their journey. As a school we will do absolutely everything we can to ensure they get the best possible results.

We recognise that it can be a time of added stress for young people, if you have any concerns, below are some links that your children can access that may help with their well-being. Of course, you can also contact any of the relevant pastoral team in school, anytime:

[Information for 11-18 year olds – Exam stress - Mind](#)

[Coping with exam pressure - a guide for students - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Yours sincerely



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All students with an afternoon exam will be expected to stay in school. An update for plans after half term will be sent on Friday 24th May.

Day and date	Notes for parents
Monday 13th May	Normal finish time
Tuesday 14th May	Students leave at 12.25 p.m. unless in an afternoon exam (hot Free school meals available at break time)
Wednesday 15th May	Students leave at 12.25 p.m. unless in an afternoon exam (hot Free school meals available at break time)
Thursday 16th May	Students leave at 1.25 p.m. unless in an afternoon exam.
Friday 17th May	Students leave at 12.25 p.m. unless in an afternoon exam (hot Free school meals available at break time)
Monday 20th May	Students leave approximately 11.30am unless in an afternoon exam (hot Free school meals available at break time)
Tuesday 21st May	Students leave at 11.25am unless in an afternoon exam (hot Free school meals available at break time)
Wednesday 22nd May	Students leave at 1.25 p.m. unless in an afternoon exam.
Thursday 23rd May	Students leave at approximately 11.30am unless in an afternoon exam (hot Free school meals available at break time)
Friday 24th May	Celebration breakfast and assembly for all students- details to follow.
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