

Thursday 11th May 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

With the start of the exams next week, I wanted to take the opportunity to share some of the key information with you about this period. The Summer GCSE Exam Series commences on Monday 15th May. From this date until the end of Year 11, students in Year 11 will attend Newhall Street site as their school site each day. They should arrive at Newhall Street no later than 8.30am each morning. Punctuality is always important but crucial if you have an exam. The scheduled start times of exams are:

A.M Exams – 9:00am P.M Exams – 1:00pm

It is important to understand that these exam times are fixed. If your child is late, we must report this to the exam board who make the decision about whether the entry will be accepted. If your child is absent the exam cannot be taken at another time, these are regulations set down by the Exam boards and the Joint Council Qualifications (JCQ).

During the exam series it is crucial students are familiar with and follow these regulations. Please take the time to go through these so your child is absolutely clear on what they should and should not do in formal examinations - https://www.jcq.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/IFC-Written_Examinations_2023_FINAL.pdf

Any breach of these regulations will result in a penalty and could lead to potential disqualification from the exam.

Whilst at Newhall Street for the exam period please note the following:

- All Year 11 students should arrive for the start of the school day promptly.
- All phones will be handed in on entry to Newhall Street to Reception and will be collected on exit. If you need to contact your child during the school day, please contact Reception on 0121 729 7160. Alternatively, if you do not want your child to hand in their phone, please ask them to leave their mobile phone at home.
- Students will sit their exam if they have an AM exam, those who do not have an exam will have a revision session with their teacher for an upcoming exam.
- After break time all students will have a lesson, if students have a PM exam they will remain in school until after the completion of that exam.
- If students do not have a PM exam, they will be dismissed at 12:30 after collecting their lunch if they have free school meals.
- This is directed independent revision that students will complete at home. Our teaching staff will direct this and suggest topics and activities that students should complete to help them best prepare.

Below is a suggested list of websites and resources for each of the subject which students should use to prepare for their various exams:

Subject	Revision tool or website
English	Mr Bruff You Tube Channel, Oak Academy, BBC Bitesize – English GCSE Pod
Maths	Mathswatch, GCSE Pod
Science	Educake, GCSE Pod
Geography	Seneca learning, GCSE Pod
History	Seneca learning, GCSE Pod
Spanish	BBC Bitesize – Spanish, Linguascope – teacher issued password
Computer Science	https://student.craigdave.org/ , GCSE Pod
Religious Education	GCSE Bitesize – RE, GCSE Pod

Yours sincerely



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