

Dear Parents

I am writing to provide you with important information regarding your child's forthcoming examinations with a view to ensuring that students and families are fully aware of the arrangements for the exams.

I have been hugely impressed with all our Year 11 students this term, and in particular how they have been preparing for their GCSE examinations and to support student's further all lessons will continue as normal until further notice. This is to ensure that students have as much teacher input as possible as they revise and prepare for exams. When students are on site they must be in full school uniform and follow the normal academy expectations. If there are any serious incidents of poor behaviour, students will finish their studies early and carry out revision at home. This will also result in the withdrawal of their right to attend the Year 11 Prom and any end of year celebration trips; this has been communicated with students already. During the day students will be asked to attend some intervention classes following a standdown timetable. These classes have been timetabled to ensure students get vital teacher input just before each individual examination. It is an expectation that all students attend and actively take part in these lessons. When not in intervention students will be in normal lessons. I have attached for you a copy of the stand down timetable.

All students have been issued with individual timetables and these have also been shared with you on MCAS. If your child needs a replacement copy of their timetable, they must see their Assistant Head of Year as soon as possible. Attendance is compulsory for all students during the exam period. Can I remind all students that these exams are public examinations and cannot be rescheduled or sat on a different day. Students must attend all examinations on the day and on time. The last GCSE exam (GCSE Science and GCSE Geography) will be on Friday 16th June. If students have a morning exam, we ask that they arrive at the Academy for 8:20am. Students need to report to their line up unless their teacher has organised a pre-exam session where staff will be available to help with stress and anxiety and provide some last-minute exam tips and support. If this is the case the teachers will communicate this to you.

It is essential that students thoroughly understand examination guidance, which has been delivered to them. Please remind them that all smart and mobile technology is turned off and handed in as any breach of board guidelines must be reported to the examination board and may result in a cancellation of entry. The national regulations have been amended this year and now all watches are to be removed and handed in as well. Students found in possession of any notes or caught communicating in any way would also be in breach of the board guidelines.

If you would like to seek support from a member of staff during the examination period, either for revision purposes or for pastoral care, please feel free to contact staff by phone or email to arrange an appointment. You can also contact the Head of Year for Year 11 Mr Lafferty by email steven.lafferty@oasislisterpark.org

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Year 11 for their hard work to date and wish them all luck for their future endeavours.

Yours faithfully

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