

17th May 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

Information regarding GCSE examinations & Year 11 Prom

The first few days of the GCSE examination period have gone well. Students have approached the exams with maturity and enthusiasm, despite the last few years of disruptions due to Covid 19.

As with previous years, there will be no formal study leave period for our Year 11 students. This is because we know that the best place for students to continue to learn and revise is in lessons, in front of their subject-specialist teachers. Students are expected to attend all timetabled lessons in school up until the end of the GCSE period – making their official last day on 22nd June.

We may choose to send students home after certain exams, but you will be informed of this by text message.

We continue to hold high expectations of our students throughout the exam period, and expect students to attend all lessons and exams on time and in full school uniform. Students must ensure they have a clear pencil case with all equipment needed for each exam.

Please see guidance here from the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ):

<https://www.jcq.org.uk/exams-office/access-arrangements-and-special-consideration/regulations-and-guidance/>

Your child will have received an individual exam timetable so please study this carefully with your child.

For ease, I have summarised key dates in the table below:

GCSE exam period starts	Monday 16 th May
May half term	Monday 30 th May to Friday 3 rd June
Final GCSE exam takes place	Wednesday 22 nd June
Leavers assembly/arrangements	Wednesday 22 nd June – full details to be confirmed
Year 11 Prom	Friday 1 st July – please see below

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Year 11 Prom

Please note that the Year 11 Prom has been booked for Friday 1st July at the Marriott Castle Mead. We currently have not sold enough tickets for this event to take place, and it would be really disappointing for students to not have the opportunity to celebrate with their peers.

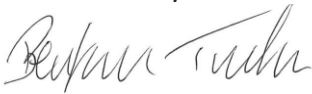
The tickets are £10 per child (we have subsidised the full price of £30). If students wish to buy a ticket, they can do so from reception or the finance office (by cash or card). **This must be before Tuesday 24th May (Tuesday next week)**. We will update you after this date if the prom will be going ahead or not.

If you have a problem with payment before then, but wish your child to attend, please contact our finance administrator, Ms Benjamin.

We understand that the exam season can be a challenging time for students and their parents. We continue to offer support in school for students, included targeted revision and tutoring sessions.

Finally, I'd like to thank you for all you are doing to ensure that your child was as prepared as possible for their GCSE exams. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours Sincerely



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