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Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you know the exam season is now underway, with the MFL oral exams and art, drama and food preparation and nutrition practical exams recently taking place. The way Year 11 students have conducted themselves so far is exceptional. They are excellent role models for the rest of the school and deserve to do well in these exams after all the hard work they are putting in. We will hold an assembly on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May as part of the exam preparations to remind Year 11 of the expectations and rules they must follow in the examination hall as the start of the formal written examinations draws nearer.

Below is a summary of key dates that you need to be aware of:

### **From Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May**

- Written GCSE Exams in school. The full GCSE exam calendar and key exam information can be accessed [here](#).
- Students will follow their usual timetable when not in exams. Their class teachers will deliver subject specific revision sessions and/or allow students to revise for the subjects they choose to.
- Students are responsible for bringing revision resources with them to their lessons and will not be allowed to go to other subject teachers to collect resources during lessons.
- Where students have an afternoon exam, they will be given an early lunch 20 minutes before the end of period 3 and they must go to, and remain in, the restaurant for this time to avoid disturbing other lessons.
- The lunch service will continue to start at 12:30pm, meaning Year 11 will still need to wait until this time to be served lunch items.
- All students must attend school at normal times following the normal school timetable until...

## Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June

- There will be a Year 11 'get together' after **all** students have completed their chemistry exam (this is the last day that the whole cohort are required to attend for an examination – after this date, pupils only attend if they have an examination as below).
- **Pupils should arrange to leave site / be picked up at 12pm.**

## Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June

- Students should only attend school if they have an exam.
- They must arrive in time for the exam (at least 15 minutes before the start time).
- Then leave school after the exam.
- If students can't make their own way home, they will be supervised in school until the buses/their normal mode of transport is available.

**Please note: between now and their last examination, students need to wear full school uniform whenever they are in school and follow the usual school rules.**

## Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June

- Year 11 Prom, Wroxeter Hotel, Atcham – 7-11pm.

## Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August

- This is exam results day.
- Results will be available in school and on Go 4 Schools.
- We will write to you separately about these arrangements nearer the time

The exam contingency afternoon is Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June, and the exam contingency day is Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June. These are reserve dates that can be used by exam boards to rearrange exams that might be postponed due to unforeseen local or national reasons. Students need to be available on these dates even though there is currently not an exam timetabled for these dates.

The Year 11 Prom is on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June and students need to sign up by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May so we can confirm numbers with the Wroxeter Hotel, Atcham.

Please do encourage your son/daughter to get a good night's sleep prior to each exam. Over-revising the night before is counterproductive. As a reminder there is a wealth of revision material that has been made available by subject areas that has been shared with students on SharePoint/OneNote as well as the Seneca website that all students have a premium account for. Eating well and resting well is key to a successful revision period and further advice and support can be found on [here](#).

Kind regards,

Dan Bird

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