



14 May 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

As you are aware the GCSE examinations commence on Monday 14th May. On Friday I delivered an assembly to year 11 explaining how we, as a school, will support our students through this key examination period. The key points are as follows:

Timetable Changes

We have altered the school timetable throughout the 5 week examination period. Close to each examination, we have scheduled bespoke revision sessions.

Study Leave

This does not exist. **All** students will be in school full time until Friday 15th June, when the vast majority of the examinations terminate. Each of the examination weeks is full of GCSEs with tailored revision sessions timetabled.

Additional Sessions

For the duration of the examination period we have scheduled Monday afternoon revision sessions. Instead of leaving at the normal time of 2 pm, students will remain in school as follows:

- 14th May:
Drama and PE students until 4 pm to prepare for the Drama and PE exams on 16th and 18th May
- 21st May:
English Literature until 3pm to prepare for the Literature exam on 22nd May
- 4th June:
English Language until 3pm to prepare for the Language exam on 5th June
- 11th June:
Mathematics until 3pm to prepare for Paper 3 on 12th June

All of these sessions are **compulsory**. Staff are spending a lot of time planning and resourcing these sessions to make sure our students do well in their examinations.

Focus Sessions

Before each GCSE commences, we run a short focus session. The sessions for the morning exams begin at 8:30 am and the afternoon exam sessions start at 12:45 pm. These sessions go over the timing and techniques of the exam and ensure that any last minute nerves are dispelled. They are very useful and we encourage all students to attend.

May Half-Term

You have already received a letter detailing what revision sessions we are running. Please can you encourage your child to attend these sessions and return the slip to school detailing what sessions he/she will be attending.

All of the information contained above is detailed on our school website and students will also receive a paper copy. Additionally contained in this letter is a copy of your child's performance in the Spring mock examinations.

Together, your child, yourselves, and we as a school, have worked hard over the last 5 years to prepare for this point. Like yourselves we want the very best for your child which is why we have put all the support, as detailed in this letter, in place.

I thank you in advance for your support with this over the coming weeks.

Together we will succeed!

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "E Sheehan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right and then curves back down towards the left.

Mrs E Sheehan