



13 May 2022

Dear Parent,

As we come into the final weeks of Year 11 ahead of GCSE Examinations I wanted to take this opportunity to write to you and confirm the arrangements for the exams, additional sessions to support students during the exam window and some other key events. I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate the year group on their commitment and dedication throughout this year and especially in the lead up to what will be the first set of public exams in three years.

GCSE Examinations

As you are aware, most exams this year are running between Monday 16th May and Thursday 23rd June. However students will need to be available until **Wednesday 29th June** as this is the national contingency day for exams should there be any form of disruption to the scheduled exam window; although this would only be for extraordinary circumstances.

Staff have been working hard to build a package of support for all students during the exam window. This includes a number of additional revision sessions that will take place on the afternoon before a morning exam or the lesson before an afternoon exam. This includes a number of Period 6 lessons for students the afternoon before their exam. In order to support you and your child's planning, I have attached our 'Exam Map' which outlines all timetabled exams and the additional revision sessions taking place. As a result of the global pandemic and disruption to schools, this year adjustments have been made to a number of subjects; this includes advanced information supplied to students to aid their revision. With this in mind, I strongly encourage all students to attend their sessions over the exam window to ensure they are in the best possible position.

The logistics for exams this year are slightly different, exams take place over a period of 5 weeks as opposed to the 4 week window in previous years. This is to ensure that there is enough space between papers in each subject, to limit the impact for students should they need to self-isolate as a result of Covid 19. Unlike the mock exams, we are not able to catch up exams at a later point unless the reason falls into the strict guidance of Special Consideration given by The Joint Council of Qualifications. Therefore it is essential that students attend every exam they have, even if they are not feeling 100%.

Similar to the mock exams, students will be able to access school from 8:00am where breakfast will be provided for students if they would like it. Teaching staff will also be available for students to access last minute support if required. Due to the amount of time lost through the pandemic, there **'will not be study leave'** from school and students will be expected to attend all lessons throughout the exam window, however we will begin to adapt timetables from Monday 13th June as subjects come to an end; exact plans will be communicated to you and students before half term.

Leavers Act of Worship

One of the key events of Year 11 is the Leavers Act of Worship, where we will celebrate all of the achievements of this year group throughout the last five years. It certainly has been an incredible journey and so important for us to be able to acknowledge the memories made. This year's Leavers Act of Worship will take place on Thursday 23rd June following the final full year group exam. Part of this celebration will include students being able to take photos with their friends and the traditional



signing of shirts. We would like this to be as orderly as possible and so would ask students to bring an additional shirt to have signed, rather than the one they are wearing.

Year 11 Prom

Following on from my previous communications around The Year 11 Prom, I just wanted to remind you of the date and location:

Friday 1st July 2022
Arrival from 7:00pm
Close 11:00pm

The Albert Hall
North Circus Street
Nottingham
NG1 5AA

I am pleased to provide further information with regards to discounts towards Prom tickets which are available to students as a reward for their hard work and commitment during the build up to the exams. Students have been working towards the following criteria for the last few weeks:

- £2.50 per student who has 100% attendance to school and Intervention sessions between Easter and May Half Term
- £2.50 per student who successfully manages to not receive any Negative Behaviour Events. This includes Learning Foundations, W2s, Negative Points, Direct Negative Points and Missed Homework
- Tutors will nominate one student from each Tutor Group who will receive a 50% discount
- There will be 5 students drawn from a hat who have 100% attendance for the Year, 0 Negative Events and in the top 25% of the Year group for Positive House Points. These 5 students will receive a 50% discount
 - I will also nominate 3 students from the Year Group who have been exceptional throughout Year 11, these students will also receive a 50% discount

Full price Prom tickets are £30, I will send a letter to you on Friday 27th May confirming discounts and therefore final price for your child. Payment will then be available from Friday 27th May to Friday 17th June via ParentMail. We have to provide The Albert Hall with final numbers following this and so the deadline is fixed, please do contact me if you have any concerns or queries with regards to the Prom or payment and we will try to support where we can.

Year 12 Induction Day

The Year 12 Induction Day takes place on Wednesday 29th June this is an opportunity to meet the P16 Team, sample some lessons in the subjects that your child has chosen for September and learn about the array of Enrichment opportunities that will be available to your child. More information will be sent to you about this in due course. Some students may be in a position where they hold offers at other sixth form providers as well as ours; I would still encourage them to attend the Induction Day so that they can see and experience what makes our Sixth Form so distinctive.



GCSE Results Day

GCSE Results Day is Thursday 25th August 2022, students will be able to collect their results from The Main Hall between 9:00 and 12:00. We will send further information about this in due course.

As a school we fully acknowledge and appreciate that this can be a stressful and high pressured time for your child. Over the last year and again in our most recent AOW, we have provided and signposted students to a number of agencies and avenues for support; both internal and external from school whether this be for academic support or stress and time management. In order to support you as parents as well, please see the below links and information:

Academic Support

- GCSE Pod for a range of subjects - <https://www.gcsepod.com/>
- Seneca for English and History - <https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/>
- Hegarty for Maths - <https://hegartymaths.com/>
- Memrise for Spanish and French - <https://www.memrise.com/>
- The Nottingham Emmanuel School website Revision Page
<https://www.emmanuel.nottingham.sch.uk/year-11-revision-guidance/>

Pastoral, Stress and Time Management Support

- Students are encouraged to speak to their Tutors and me as Year Leader
- Students have access to The School Counsellor and The School Nurse especially during the exam window
- Online platforms include:
 - Kooth - <https://www.kooth.com/>
 - Childline - <https://www.childline.org.uk/>
 - Young Minds - <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>
 - NottAlone - <https://nottalone.org.uk/?a=yp>

I will be speaking to the Year Group as a whole on the morning of Friday 13th May as part of a final exam briefing to outline key details; but I would like to take this opportunity in writing to wish all students the very best of luck for the upcoming exams.

If you have any questions or queries, please feel free to contact me directly.

Yours Sincerely,

Oli Marsh
Year Leader



Year 11 - GCSE 2022 Exam Map

Exams for ALL students
Exams for SOME Year 11

W/C 13/5/19	Monday 16/5	Tuesday 17/5	Wednesday 18/5	Thursday 19/5	Friday 20/5
8am-8:30am				8am-8:30am	
Tutor Time	Dining Hall/RS classrooms ALL	Science classrooms/Dining Hall	English classrooms/Dining Hall	History dining hall	Maths classrooms/Dining Hall
Period 1	RS Paper 1 - Christianity	Biology Paper 1 Exams	English Language Paper 1	History Paper 1	Maths Paper 1
Period 2					
Period 3	CS students out - JBU				
Lunch	CS Lunch in D41	BTEC Music students with JST			
Period 4	Computer Science - Paper 1	BTEC Music - Music Industry exam (select students)	(History P5)		
Period 5				Maths revision	
Period 6	Biology revision	Revision	History revision		Geography revision
W/C 20/5/19	Monday 23/5	Tuesday 24/5	Wednesday 25/5	Thursday 26/5	Friday 27/5
8am-8:30am				8am-8:30am	
Tutor Time	Geography classrooms/dining hall	French classroom	English classrooms/Dining Hall	Spanish classroom/Dining Hall & Construction classroom	Science classrooms/Dining Hall
Period 1	Geography Paper 1	French Listening & Reading	English Literature Paper 1	Spanish Listening & Reading Unit 1 (select students)	Chemistry Paper 1 Exams
Period 2					
Period 3					
Lunch		GCSE PE option to extract & Lunchtime revision		RS P4 & Lunchtime	CS students out - JBU
Period 4		GCSE PE Paper 1	(Spanish P5) & Construction re-sitters with GTE	RS Paper 2 - Islam	CS Lunch in D41
Period 5					Computer Science - Paper 2
Period 6		Revision - library	Spanish/Construction revision	Chemistry revision	
W/C 27/5/19	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8am-8:30am					
Tutor Time					
Period 1					
Period 2					
Period 3					
Lunch				Bank Holiday	Bank Holiday
Period 4					
Period 5					
Period 6					
W/C 3/6/19	Monday 6/6	Tuesday 7/6	Wednesday 8/6	Thursday 9/6	Friday 10/6
8am-8:30am				8am-8:30am	
Tutor Time		Maths classrooms/Dining Hall	English classrooms/Dining Hall	History Dining Hall	English classrooms/Dining Hall
Period 1		Maths Paper 2	English Literature Paper 2	History Paper 3	English Language Paper 2
Period 2					
Period 3					
Lunch		Geography classrooms	Further Maths revision	P3 and/or 4 & Lunch Physics revision	GCSE PE option to extract P4 & Lunchtime revision
Period 4		Geography Paper 2	Further Maths Paper 1	Physics Paper 1 Exams	GCSE PE Paper 2 & Maths option to take all non-PE students
Period 5	Maths revision		(History P5)		P5
Period 6		Revision - library open	History revision	Revision - library	Maths revision
W/C 10/6/19	Monday 13/6	Tuesday 14/6	Wednesday 15/6	Thursday 16/6	Friday 17/6
8am-8:30am				8am-8:30am	
Tutor Time	Maths classrooms/Dining Hall	Geography Dining Hall	Science classrooms/Dining Hall	French classroom	Spanish classroom
Period 1	Maths Paper 3	Geography Paper 3 & Italian HL	Biology Paper 2 Exams	French Writing & Construction Unit 3	Spanish Writing
Period 2					
Period 3			FD revision		
Lunch	iMedia prep - select students				
Period 4	iMedia Exam (Geography students to revise P4&5)	Biology revision - all students	PD Exam	Spanish revision	Chemistry revision - all students
Period 5					
Period 6			French & Construction revision		
W/C 17/6/19	Monday 20/6	Tuesday 21/6	Wednesday 22/6	Thursday 23/6	Friday 24/6
8am-8:30am				8am-8:30am	
Tutor Time	Chemistry classrooms/Dining Hall	History Dining Hall	Physics revision morning - all students	Physics classrooms/Dining Hall	
Period 1	Chemistry Paper 2 Exams	History Paper 2 (AW)		Physics Paper 2 Exams	
Period 2					
Period 3					
Lunch		Hospitality & Catering students (select) revision	Further Maths revision		
Period 4	History revision (all non-history go home)	Hospitality & Catering Exam (select students)	Further Maths Paper 2		
Period 5					
Period 6		Further Maths revision (inc. P4&5)			