

30 March 2023

Year 11 GCSE Exams / Summer Term Arrangements

Dear Families

Please find below an important update regarding some of the plans and information for Year 11.

Last Day in School

- Year 11s last day in school before study leave (and their GCSE exams) will be **Friday 12 May**.
- On that Friday, students will come in for their final tutor time at 08:40, attend a 'Leavers' Assembly' from 09:00-10:00 followed by shirt signing on the astro. Students will be dismissed at 10:45.
- The last day of lessons for Year 11 will be on **Thursday 11 May**.

Study Leave

- The GCSE exams start on Monday 15 May, and the final possible GCSE exam is on Wednesday 21 June 2023.
- During the GCSE period, students are only required to come into school for the exams, and will not follow their normal lesson timetable. They do not need to register with their form tutor.
- If students do not have exams on a day, there is no requirement for them to come into school.
- If students wish to remain in school, there will be a room available for them to revise in, which will be supervised by staff members.
- Students are expected to wear the correct school uniform at all times. Failure to do so will result in the normal sanctions and it is also possible they will not be allowed into exams.

Exams Information

- You will soon be receiving an email from our exams officer (Ms Maddison) with additional information regarding exam procedures and start times. Please read through this carefully with your child, and ensure they are clear on what the expectations are. A link to this document can be found [here](#).
- Individual exam timetables will also be sent out by Ms Maddison.
- Anyone who has exam clashes, will receive a 'clash letter' with the details of what the arrangements are, and it should also be reflected on the individual timetables.
- The overall GCSE exam timetable can be found [here](#).



Year 11 Prom

- The Year 11 prom has been arranged for Tuesday June 27 2023 at Richmond Golf Club
- We are still fundraising for this event, including a raffle that is still open to purchase tickets for. A link to the original letter can be found [here](#).
- If you have not yet paid a deposit for your child's prom ticket, please can you do so via ParentPay without further delay.

Sixth Form Induction Day

- The Sixth Form Induction Day is taking place on Thursday 29 June 2023. The Head of Sixth Form Mr Jenkins will send more information out about this nearer the time.

Easter Revision Incentives

- The '30 hour challenge' has been set for Easter. Students are to complete an absolute minimum of 30 hours of revision during the Easter holidays, and get the challenge signed off by their parents to be entered into a prize draw for £20 vouchers. A link to the form for students to fill out can be found [here](#).
- Also running over Easter is the photo challenge. Students are to submit photos of themselves revising and the funniest or most obscure photograph will win a prize.
- There are also the Easter revision sessions that Mr Dodge has arranged. Your child should know if they are attending any of these and the date, time and locations of the sessions they are attending. Full lists can be found outside the Head of Year office in school if they need to check.

Yearbook

- Some of the students from the Prom Committee are currently working hard putting together our Year Book. These will be finished and available to order nearer to their last day of school.

Hoodies

- All orders have now been processed by Fizz and are now in the process of being made and printed. If you have ordered one, students will receive this on the final day of school.

Finally, I would like to thank you for all your support with the students over the past year. Students have really approached revision with a positive mindset and have had a good attitude to work over this past term. This is largely down to the combined support of both the school and home. I wish you and your family a restful Easter.

Yours faithfully

Mr D Tandy
Head of Year 11