

Dear parent/carer,

As Year 13 enters their final exam window, we are writing to you to outline all of the plans and support in place to ensure you are well informed, in order to help us support your child throughout their exams. Whilst students may understandably feel nervous, a feeling shared by many parents, I can share that students have been excellent in their exam preparation and can go into these exams feeling confident and extremely well prepared.

Whilst the majority of exams take place from the 2nd May, some assessments have already taken place and are on-going this week. Again, students have performed extremely well and their conduct towards them has been exemplary. The first exam takes place on **Thursday 2nd May**, with the last exam taking place on **Friday 21st June**. Students must attend all lessons as normal throughout this period whenever exams are not taking place to ensure their success.

Students can approach learning managers, Miss Dennett (Adwick) and Mrs Corkan (Danum) or Post 16 leads, Mrs Gregory (Adwick) and Mrs Flack (Danum) should they need any advice or help with anything throughout the exam period. From Monday 29th April the following will also be in place for Year 13:

- Free breakfast in the dining hall every morning before period 1 to set students up for the day ahead.
- P16 student's lunch will be moved to 12:00pm to allow students to have lunch in enough time before the afternoon exams.
- The P16 centre will be open later on Tuesday's and Thursday's (until 5:30pm) to allow students to study with all the revision resources they need. They can access textbooks, revision guides, paper, pens, revision flashcards as well as many more resources via google classroom using our many computers. (At Danum, students need to sign up for this)
- We will be allocating one part of the P16 centre at Adwick and the whole of the P16 study area at Danum as a 'silent study area' to allow those students who need this to really focus.
- Guidance sessions which are usually period 1 on Thursdays will now be an extra private study period.
- Booster sessions will take place throughout the exam period which will be sessions that heavily focus on exam technique and tips. We have shared this timetable with students via their Year 13 guidance google classroom and email. You can also find a copy [here](#).
- Masterclasses are also being arranged online by the trust, the dates and timings of which will be shared with students in due course.

In their last assembly this week, students were reminded of the following expectations with regards to exams and were also given the task of watching [this video](#) with further exam instructions for candidates. Students will also be given a briefing prior to all exams.

- Students must arrive **at least 15 minutes before** every exam.
- Students must not wear a smartwatch or have their phone on their person in the exams - this can lead to disqualification.
- Students should check they have been given the correct exam paper in every exam before they begin.

Students have been given a copy of their personalised exam timetable which includes rooming. A copy of this has also been sent to you. Please ensure that your child keeps this safe and asks staff for a replacement copy if they were to misplace it.

We will continue to keep in contact with our students with regards to any further messages or announcements using both google classroom and email along with verbal communication and adding these messages to the P16 notice board. Students have been asked to check these daily.

Students will experience a celebratory leaving assembly after exams and they have an end of year trip to look forward to which we are organising for them to enjoy after a vote by students on what this entails. This is a trip to Alton Towers, for which students must maintain excellent attendance to sixth form and show commitment to enrichment sessions in order to be eligible. Further information on this will be communicated soon.

As I am sure you understand, attendance to the academy is vital at this point and throughout the exams. Please contact us if you have any concerns or questions over the coming weeks. Whilst all staff at the academy can be approached for support, the key contacts for year 13 over these final weeks are;

Miss L Dennett (Adwick Learning Manager)
Mrs S Corkan (Danum Learning Manager)
Mrs J Gregory (Adwick P16 Lead)
Mrs M Flack (Danum P16 Lead)

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Finally, we wish all of our students well throughout their exams and we will be on hand throughout the process should they or you require anything. Our students have worked really hard to get to this stage and they deserve every success!

Yours faithfully,



Mrs J Gregory
Associate Vice Principal & P16 Lead (Adwick)



Mrs M Flack
Associate Vice Principal & P16 Lead (Danum)