

Dear parents/carers of Year 11 students,

Since returning to school after Easter, Year 11 have been exceptional in terms of their attitude and engagement with learning. This week marks the start of their first full cohort examinations and all students have moved today onto our 'Examination Timetable'. The purpose of this letter is to explain some key points about this timetable, the GCSE and BTEC examinations and how you can support your child at home to ensure they maximise their potential.

Every Minute Counts

Students are expected to be punctual to the academy arriving no later than 8.20am ready for either tutor time or an examination briefing in the Dome. Punctuality is vitally important as public examinations must start at the same time across the country and there is only a very limited time frame within which students can enter an examination room if they are late. Likewise, being late to school puts students under undue stress and they risk not being present for the Head of Department subject briefings that take place before all examinations.

The Year 11 team will continue to communicate with parents/carers about any individual student concerns or queries. If at any time you wish to discuss your child's progress please contact either Ms Reynolds (Y11 Learning Manager) or your child's class teacher on the academy number 01977 624220 or via email. Support for managing stress and maintaining positive mental wellbeing during exams can be found via this link <https://www.hemsworth.outwood.com/mental-wellbeing>

Examination timetable

From Monday 15 May, students will no longer follow their current timetable but will now follow a structured 'Examination timetable' that provides lessons in advance of when examinations are taking place. Mr Godfrey has gone through this with students in an assembly today. The timings of the academy day have not changed and enrichment sessions continue to run from 2.30-3.30pm. The weekly 'Examination timetable' will be published on Google Classrooms and published on our academy website.

Revision

All Year 11 students should now be revising at home and have been given lots of advice about the best way to manage this. The Trust has provided an afterschool virtual revision platform for students between 4-8pm. The Trust Masterclasses timetable is shared each week with students in their Google Classroom, on our Facebook and Twitter pages and in a text message to parents/carers from the school.

All Year 11 students attended the 'Positively You' Revision Festival and were provided with revision resources to help structure their work. Subject teachers have also issued revision guides or sent students home with their school books to use for revision. The Trust Masterclasses that have already taken place have also been recorded and shared with students in their Google Classroom so if they missed them or would like to rewatch for final tips they can do so. Please see link to our website.

<https://www.google.com/url?q=https://sites.google.com/hemsworth.outwood.com/oahrevision> Over half term there will be further revision sessions running and the dates and times will be provided in a letter from Ms Langley, Vice Principal and Y11 SLT lead.

Examination Regulations

Examinations are governed by strict regulations set out by the Joint Council for Qualifications, which oversees the examination bodies. Students must read and follow the guidance published by JCQ. This information for candidates can be found on the Y11 google classroom, it is also displayed around the exam venues.

Ofqual have also recently written to all parents:

[Ofqual letter to parents](#)

Year 11 Celebrations

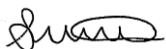
The Year 11 Prom and Leavers' Breakfast are by invitation only and are for students who have met expectations outlined in the Prom Passport. We want all students to be able to join these milestone events and the parents/carers of any students at risk of not being able to attend have been contacted by letter from Ms Langley and Ms Reynolds. We have some really special things planned for both the Leavers' Breakfast on Monday 19 June 2023 (9-11am) and at the Academy Prom on Tuesday 27 June 2023. Please do not hesitate to contact Ms Reynolds if you need any further information about these events.

Results

The Academy will send out further information regarding the arrangements for results day. Results will be issued on 24 August 2023 and students will need to come into the academy to collect their results - and we cannot wait to see them open those envelopes! If your son or daughter will be away on holiday results can be emailed to students or collected by a designated person. We will be sending out more details about this later.

Can I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and to wish each individual student in Year 11 the very best for the forthcoming examinations. We are still taking applications for our Post 16 courses and would love to see students return to us in September 2023. If you want more information please follow this link <https://post16.hemsworth.outwood.com/> to contact the Director of Post 16 Ms Shevill. Year 11 students are a very special year group and I have no doubt that the Class of 2023 will achieve record results this summer.

Yours faithfully,



Suzie Day
Principal