

26 May 2022

Dear Parent/Carers,

Year 11 Examinations After Half-Term

The examinations are in full flow, and I do hope that your son/ward has managed to perform well in his first few examinations. This letter contains a few reminders for the remaining examinations.

Please remember that at any stage, if you feel that your son/ward needs any support, ask them to speak to one of their teachers, a member of the support staff, or to a member of the Senior Team.

Timetable

You and your son/ward should already be very familiar with their examination timetable and about the times of each examination. After half-term, students are only required in school for the set examinations, unless a member of staff has arranged an additional revision session. So, please continue to support your son/ward, making sure that he arrives 15 minutes before each scheduled start time.

If he misses an examination, he will not be able to repeat it this season. If he is very late for an examination, he might not be allowed into the examination hall, so please support your child's organisation over the remaining few examinations. As a reminder, the full examination timetable can be found on the school website [here](#).

Equipment

Your son/ward will need to bring his own equipment to each examination. He can only take the following into the examination room: pens, pencils, erasers and any other equipment needed for each specific examination. He should also have at least two black pens.

Information for Candidates

The Joint Council for Qualifications publish [Information for Candidates](#), along with a [Warning to Candidates](#), both of which are available on the [Examinations section](#) of our school website.

Absence on the Day of an Examination

You should do everything you get your son/ward to attend examinations as this is by far the best way for him to demonstrate his ability. If there is a short-term illness or injury, please inform us as soon as possible by ringing the attendance line or using the school app. It is really important to make contact as we may be able to support him through the issue.

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In some circumstances we can apply for a “special consideration”. Please note that we can only submit this if:

- the centre has no reason to “suspect that this may be a fraudulent claim”
- makes it clear to students and parent/carers that a false claim carries heavy consequences
- asks students and parent/carers to sign to say they understand they risk disqualification if they claim to be ill when they are not.

This is only relevant for any short-term health issues. Special considerations cannot be applied for any longer-term issues including long COVID.

Contingency Day – Wednesday 29 June 2022

Whilst the last scheduled examination is set for Thursday 23 June 2022, students must be available up to and **including Wednesday 29 June**, which is set as a contingency day. This allows for the opportunity to reset or repeat an examination, which may result from a national security breach or widespread illness. From Thursday 30 June, students are free to enjoy the summer break!

Results Day – Thursday 25 August 2022

Please also remember students need to be available on Results Day to collect GCSE grades as results cannot be emailed or given over the telephone. Results will be issued on Thursday 25 August 2022 and more information will be issued about the specific arrangements before the end of the examination season.

Final Year 11 Assembly – Thursday 23 June

We all look forward to celebrating the end of examinations at the final Year 11 assembly on 23 June, which will take place after the last physics examination. We hope that it will be a fitting celebration of your son/ward’s time in school.

In the meantime, please keep encouraging your son/ward to do their very best in the remaining examinations. I thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,



Euan Ferguson
Headteacher