



Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to you with an update on the upcoming WAVE2 exams that every student in year 11 will be taking in the week following the half term break (week beginning 20th February)

The focus for all year 11 students will now be the WAVE2 exams. From today, I have temporarily suspended all other homework tasks and asked the core departments to intensify their preparation.

Once again, tutor time has been focusing on the importance of exams, preparation and coping strategies for our students. As we approach the final few days, I thought I would write home to just remind you about the way the exams operate.

This year group are now very experienced in the process of sitting formal exams in the sports hall. Their immaculate conduct during the last WAVE1 and PPE exams demonstrated that as a cohort, they certainly are close to being exam ready. In order to further prepare them, all exams taken this term will be run following the JCQ rules and regulations. These are the same rules that they sat their WAVE1 and PPE1 exams under in term 1. All the exams will take place in the sports hall to allow for maximum space and ventilation.

Students must be responsible for their exam equipment and so I would ask that you double check they have a transparent pencil case with many black ink pens/biros, pencils, rulers, rubbers and a calculator. The only drinks allowed in the exam hall are see through water bottles, without labels. The only drink allowed is water. Mobile phones will need to be switched off and placed in their school bag. These are kept in a secure area. New JCQ guidelines have also forbidden watches to be worn. These must be in school bags too. There are plenty of digital clocks in the exam hall.

WAVE2 exams:

For exam 1, students will attend form time as per usual and then line up in the tennis court area. At the end of each exam, students must return to their timetabled lesson.

For exam 2, students will have their break as normal. At 11.20 they should then line up in the tennis court area. At the end of each exam, students must return to their timetabled lesson.

Period 5 runs as a normal lesson as per the timetable.

	8:45am – Exam 1	Duration	11:30am – Exam 2	Duration
Monday 20th Feb	Maths F Paper 1 (non calc)	1hr 30	Biology	1hr 45
	Maths H Paper 1 (non calc)	1hr 30	Combined Science (F)	1hr 15
			Combined Science (H)	1hr 15
Tuesday 21st Feb	Maths F Paper 2 (calc)	1hr 30	Chemistry	1hr 45
	Maths H Paper 2 (calc)	1hr 30	Combined Science (F)	1hr 15
			Combined Science (H)	1hr 15
Wednesday 22nd Feb	Maths F Paper 3 (calc)	1hr 30	Physics	1hr 45
	Maths H Paper 3 (calc)	1hr 30	Combined Science (F)	1hr 15
			Combined Science (H)	1hr 15



Thursday 23rd Feb	English Language			
Friday 24th Feb	Fine Art and 3D Design 5hrs			

The WAVE2 exams will be followed by the PPE2 exams. These are the practice exams for all non-core (option subjects). These PPE2 exams will be the final opportunity (promise!) for the students to practice exams before the 'real thing' in May and June.

As always, we care greatly about the well-being of our students. I understand that the next few weeks could provide pressure points where students feel worry or anxiety. The work being carried out by tutors, Miss Horne, Mrs Guinn and Mrs Panesar has been designed to increase resilience and equip students with the necessary skills and tools to cope with the stresses and strains of the next 4 months. We feel almost all of our students are 'exam ready'. However, if you do have concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's tutor or Miss Horne.

I wish your child good luck during the WAVE2 exams

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