



Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to you with an update on the public exams taking place for all of year 11 in May and June 2022.

The public exams have now begun. This week sees students beginning to sit the first of their public exams.

This is the students' final full week in school. Next week, from Wednesday, students can be on exam leave.

Tuesday 17th May will be their final day in school. In the morning there is the first GCSE science paper.

In the afternoon, the English department is running a 'walking / talking' mock for all students in year 11 to help them prepare for their first English exam the following day.

Walking / Talking mocks are a proven high impact method of preparing for exams. Members of the English department will be on hand to lead this revision session and to support students with any final queries they may have. Students will be reminded of the key criteria which is needed to complete each question and a revision of writer's methods and top tips from the examiners. Students will have time to practice their key skills and will be given additional material to take home to complete final preparations for this core exam.

The English Language Paper 1 WTM Exam will take place during the afternoon of Tuesday 17th May. Following on from their AM Science exam, students will be required to return to their usual timetabled lessons for P2 and P3. Year 11 will then have an earlier lunch break after P3 (with Y8 and Y10) from 12.20-12.50pm. There will be full access to the canteen for them during this break. Students will then be required to assemble on the tennis courts at 12.50pm to ensure a prompt start at 1pm for the Walking Talking Mock in the **sports hall**. ALL students will go to the sports hall for this revision session. We hope that this will be a useful revision support ahead of their next Core Exam.

From **Wednesday 18th May**, students have the choice whether to stay at home to work and only come in for their exam or be in school and in their timetabled lessons. All year 11 teachers will be available in their year 11 lessons all the way up to 29th June to support students. If your child chooses to be in school from Wednesday 18th May, they **MUST** remain in their timetabled lessons. This is a safeguarding requirement.

We are all too aware that this is an unprecedented time and the pressure that students are currently under could be triggering some negative emotions. Well-being is our top concern and we are keen to ensure that every student feels fully supported. If you feel your child is struggling, please do not hesitate to contact their tutor or Mr Tichband.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our students the very best of luck as they enter their final exams. If you have any questions around the upcoming exams, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Yours faithfully,

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