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Dear Parents/Carers

## **Re: Year 11 GCSE Examination Period**

We are delighted with the start that Year 11 have made to their exams. They appear ready, focused and positive when entering and exiting the exam room.

We wanted to take the opportunity to get in touch as we move into the GCSE examination period. We have made some adjustments to the school day as a way to support our Year 11 students and ensure they are prepared for their afternoon exams.

### **Pre-exam Revision During Period 4:**

Whilst students timetable will run as normal, where they have an afternoon exam we have planned for teaching during Period 4 to be suspended. During this slot students will either be invited to attend a targeted revision session or to independently revise for their afternoon exam in their normal period 4 lesson. This is a great opportunity to ensure that students are focused and in the correct mind-set for their afternoon exam. Year 11 have been positive about this opportunity and have said it is supporting their focus prior to the exam.

Where the examination timetable allows there will be some additional targeted revision sessions running in Period 5 for Year 11 students where students have a morning exam in either English or Maths. Information will be posted on the wall in the Upper Street daily to remind them what will be happening each day and what they should do during period 4.

### **Year 11 Registration Expectations:**

All Year 11 students should attend AM registration as normal with their tutor and register. Students with exams may then organise their belongings and move to the main hall. Tutors will remain with the rest of the tutor group in their tutor room unless there is a whole cohort exam then tutors will be asked to support with supervision in the Assembly Hall once registers have been taken.

### **Arrangements for student's belongings:**

Year 11 students should place all belongings including mobile phones, watches, etc. in their lockers prior to the start of the examinations.



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## **Year 11 Lunch Arrangements:**

Year 11 will be allowed into the Restaurant from 12.50pm to give students time to eat/drink and to enable the smooth start of PM examinations.

## **On-line Pre-Exam Briefings**

Each subject has prepared a short video slide that will be posted on Satchel One the day before each exam. The short-narrated slide will run through reminders about the structure of the paper students are about to sit, key things about topics it will cover, how to tackle questions and most importantly how to manage your time. Please make sure your child plans time to watch and listen to these briefings.

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of our Year 11 students and should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely



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