



Dear Parent / Guardian,

As you are all too aware, your child's time in Year 11 is rapidly drawing to a close. The following weeks will be a busy time for all of us, so I would like to take this opportunity to update you with necessary information for the weeks ahead.

### Examinations

GCSE examinations are held between **16<sup>th</sup> May and 22<sup>nd</sup> June**. All pupils have received a personalised examination timetable which lists the dates and times of all of their exams. For morning exams, we ask that pupils attend school at 8:30am, as usual. For afternoon exams, pupils will need to be on site by 12:30pm.

All pupils are expected to bring their own equipment for examinations. Your child will need: black pens, pencils, ruler, rubber, protractor, compass and a scientific calculator. Pupils can purchase these items using their ClassCharts reward points.

**Further details on exam procedures and policies, including what to do if your child is ill, have been sent out in a separate exam letter.**

The Welsh Government have published the following information regarding Covid related illness at the following link: <https://gov.wales/self-isolation>.

- *If you have any of the main symptoms of COVID-19, you should self-isolate and take a lateral flow test (LFT).*
- *If the test is positive, you should self-isolate for at least 3 full days. Day 1 is the day after your symptoms started. Please report your result.*
- *On day 3, if your symptoms have stopped, take a LFT. If that test is negative, take another LFT on day 4.*
- *If your day 4 test is also negative, and you feel well and do not have a high temperature, you can leave self-isolation to sit your exam. Please report your results.*
- *If either the test on day 3 or the test on day 4 is positive, you should remain in self-isolation and contact your school or education setting.*
- *If you still have a high temperature or feel unwell, you should continue to self-isolate until it returns to normal, or you feel better.*
- *You should continue taking daily LFTs until you get 2 negative tests in a row, taken a day apart, or until day 10 – whichever is sooner. You do not need a negative LFT test on day 10 to leave self-isolation.*

### Study Stay

**Lessons for all Year 11 pupils will continue throughout the exam period.** We believe it is important to optimise the time pupils spend being taught by subject specialists prior to their subject exams.

This is especially important for this Year 11 cohort as a number of lockdowns has caused disruption to their learning. The examination period stretches over 6 weeks. By attending lessons, your child will receive specialist subject teaching right up until the morning of each exam. We would be grateful if you would support us in this matter.



### Celebrations

There will be designated time set aside on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May for pupils to sign books and shirts. Should your child wish to have their shirt signed, please ensure they bring a spare shirt with them.

Hoodies will also be available on this day.

### Results

GCSE Results will be available to pupils on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August from 9:30am. Information regarding the collection of results is contained in the exam letter sent out separately.

Finally, it has been an honour to work with your child for these critical years of their education. We wish them all each and every success, both in the exams to come, and in the choices they make thereafter.

Thank you,

Mr S Clarke

