



1 May 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 – End of Year and Public Examination Arrangements

I am writing to provide you with an update regarding the arrangements we have made to support your son / daughter during the final run up to their external examinations.

As a school we have been delighted with the work ethic and positive attitude shown by our Year 11 students. They have worked hard throughout the year supported by their subject teachers and, of course, by their families, to meet the various demands of all their courses. The final few weeks leading up to the examination period and during the examinations are very busy and can leave students with understandable nerves and concerns; our pastoral staff will be available throughout to provide support where required.

Examination timetables

All students have now received personal copies of their examination timetable along with their seat number; can I ask you to keep a copy of the timetable and ensure that your son / daughter attends all examinations for which they are entered. Should you require an additional copy of this timetable, please contact your son's / daughter's Pastoral Manager. These are national examinations and we cannot alter the published schedule; however, they may be subject to changes in starting times as a result of logistical issues. This is rare and students will be advised of any alterations. In extreme circumstances such as illness, where it is impossible for your son / daughter to attend an examination, please contact Miss Saverton, Exams Officer, at the above address, immediately.

Arrangements this half term

The formal examination period is now ongoing. The formal timetable for the written public examinations begins at the start of the last two weeks of this half term - the week commencing 14 May 2018. The normal timetable for Year 11 will continue this half term. Where a student has an examination on that day, they will be released from those lessons to sit this, returning at the end of the examination. On days or periods where students do not have an examination, lessons will continue to be delivered with students supported in their preparation for upcoming examinations in that subject.

The final day of this half term is Friday 25 May 2018. Year 11 students will sit their GCSE English Literature examination that morning. At the end of the examination, at approximately 11.30am, Year 11 students will be released to go home to begin their study leave. There will be no formal lessons for Year 11 students that afternoon. Arrangements will be made for the Japanese group who have their examination on the afternoon of Friday 25 May to attend a revision session before their lunch.

Half term revision

Over half term, we are asking students to maintain a routine as if they are at school using their time wisely to revise and prepare for their examinations. A number of subjects are offering revision days, the details of which will be published on the school website. We have found this routine prepares the students thoroughly and ensures they are able to perform effectively in their examinations.

To support your son / daughter with revision there continues to be a number of resources available, starting with their exercise books/files/folders for a particular subject. In addition the school makes text books available in some subjects and there is the opportunity to purchase revision guides from the Library, at break and lunchtime only. The school subscribes to *GCSE Pod*, *Doddle* and *PIXL Apps (English, Maths, Geography and History)*. All students have received their log-on details. *GCSE Bitesize* is also available through the school website and this resource covers a wide range of subjects that are taught as part of our curriculum and includes practice examination questions. There are also resources available on the school's VLE – *Frog* – which can be accessed through the school website.

Arrangements after half term

After the half term break we return to school on Monday 4 June and the examination programme continues. The normal timetable for Year 11 will cease due to the number of examinations taking place. Students should attend school for their examinations and are invited to attend the published Breakfast and Study Leave Revision sessions during the school day. These sessions will be timetabled to support final preparations prior to an external examination; the timetable for this will be published on the school website and students will receive a copy of this shortly. All students are invited to attend these sessions unless they are sitting an examination at that time and are expected to dress according to the normal school uniform code. When not in examinations or revision sessions, we ask students to continue treating each day as if they are at school, spending the day at home revising and preparing for examinations or attending school-based revision sessions.

Can I remind students that they should arrive promptly for all their examinations in their full school uniform, furnished with the necessary equipment including black pens, pencil, ruler, eraser and calculator (where permitted). Mobile phones or any other electronic communication devices including smartwatches, are not permitted in any examination hall and if a student arrives with one they will be required to hand it in for the duration of the examination. Failure to do so could result in the Examinations Board not awarding any grade in that subject to the student.

End of Year 11 Events

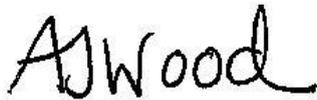
Looking beyond the examinations, we have a number of events to mark the end of Year 11. The Year 11 Leavers' assembly will take place on Wednesday 27 June at 9.30am. Students are asked to arrive at 9.15am in normal school uniform entering the building via the Sixth Form entrance. The assembly is a celebration of the year group's time across Years 7 – 11 at Wolfreton and the opportunity for memories to be shared and awards to be made. The Yearbook and Year 11 Photograph will be available to those students who have ordered these mementoes. Students will need to arrive and leave school via Well Lane on this occasion.

The tickets for the Prom, which takes place on Friday 6 July at Staff House, University of Hull, will be distributed at this time to eligible students. Can I remind students that good behaviour throughout the examination period and attendance at all examinations is expected and failure to meet these expectations can result in the Prom ticket being withdrawn.

I hope that the arrangements we have made provide the necessary support required to ensure that all students have the opportunity to achieve the best possible outcomes in the summer. I look forward to the majority of them returning to our Sixth Form in September to continue their education in a setting where they are known personally by the staff and where they know they will receive high quality teaching.

If you have any concerns related to these arrangements please contact your son / daughter's Pastoral Manager in the first instance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A Wood". The letters are cursive and connected, with a large 'A' and 'W'.

A Wood (Ms)
Assistant Headteacher

