



## GCSE exam support and study leave arrangements May/June 2024

### Up until half term:

Students will remain on their **normal timetable until 3pm Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024**. The following changes will be made to ensure students are fully supported through the 12 days of GCSE exams up to this date.

- ❖ If students have a morning exam, they will be able to enter school via the KS4 gate from 8am and spend time in the canteen until registration with their subject specific teacher(s) for that morning exam. This will allow them to seek last minute support and settle themselves before the exam.
  
- ❖ All students attend morning registration as normal. Y11 students will not attend assemblies.
  - If they have a morning exam, registration time can be used to ensure they are fully equipped and visit the toilet if needed on their way to the sports hall for 8.50am.
  - If they do not have a morning exam, they can spend morning registration completing revision tasks with their tutor and peers.
  
- ❖ The normal timetable will be followed throughout the school day. For Core PE and Ethics and Philosophy lessons, students should come prepared with personal revision to complete for upcoming exams as they do currently. If a student has completed all exams in a timetabled lesson eg. Drama after 9.5.24, they should also come prepared with revision aids for other subjects for that lesson. Some students may still be taken for specific intervention during these lessons as well.
  
- ❖ If students have an afternoon exam they will have a change to their normal period 3 lesson. This lesson time will become an extra session with their teacher in preparation for that afternoon exam (see below). These students will also access lunch at an earlier time to ensure they are at their exam room, 10 minutes before the start of the afternoon exam.

Days when additional sessions will run, are as follows:

Day	Date	Additional sessions running	
Thursday	9th May	p3	Drama session
Friday	10th May	p5	All students will have an English lesson
Tuesday	14th May	p3	Business Studies session
Thursday	16th May	p3	RS session
Friday	17th May	p3	Geography session
Wednesday	22nd May	p3	GCSE PE session
Thursday	23rd May	p3	ICT session

- ❖ During the exam period, all afterschool revision sessions will be directly linked to the exams that are taking place the following day. They have been added to the existing timetable and the remaining four weeks of term are now as follows:

Week	Day	Date	Month	Subject(s)
1	Monday	29	April	Staff CPD
	Tuesday	30	April	Art
				Food and Nutrition
				ICT
				Business studies
	Wednesday	1	May	Maths
				Geography
French				
Thursday	2	May	English	
Friday	3	May	Religious Studies	
2	Monday	6	May	Bank Holiday
	Tuesday	7	May	History
				Art
	Wednesday	8	May	Drama
				Religious Studies
	Thursday	9	May	Science
Friday	10	May	English	
1	Monday	13	May	French
				Business studies
	Tuesday	14	May	History
	Wednesday	15	May	Maths
				Religious Studies
	Thursday	16	May	Science
Geography				
Friday	17	May	English	
2	Monday	20	May	No revision
	Tuesday	21	May	Science
				PE
	Wednesday	22	May	English
				ICT
	Thursday	23	May	French
Friday	24	May	No revision	
HALF TERM				

## **During half term:**

Due to a Maths exam and PE exam taking place on the first Monday back after half term, Maths staff and PE staff have agreed to give up some of their time on the Friday of half term to run sessions in school to support student during the week off. Students will need to sign up to attend these so we can adequately staff and room them. It is important that if students sign up, they turn up. They need to be accountable for their actions and show respect to the staff who are giving up their holiday to support them.

### **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May**

- Maths session 10.30am – 12pm
- Break for lunch (ensure you bring food/drink with you as the canteen will not be open)
- PE session 12.30pm – 2pm

Please sign up for one or both of these sessions using this link. <https://forms.office.com/e/qkL65xRU6r>

Students will be let in and out of school site via the KS3 gate and will need to be on time as the gate will not be left open all day.

## **After half term:**

From Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024, students will be provided with multiple options to support them over the remaining 13 days of exams. They can adopt different options on different days to best suit them and their preparation.

The normal timetable will be adapted during this time period to provide subject specific revision sessions for exams that afternoon or the following morning, alongside silent study rooms for independent work. Students can arrive with questions or topics for their teacher to cover so the sessions are as relevant as possible. All support will be during the school day and no revision sessions afterschool will be running. The KS4 gate will continue to open at 8am for morning exams as well.

The adapted timetable will be published the week before half term so students can plan their days over the remaining exam period.

### **Option 1**

Access school as normal wearing full school uniform. Register at 8.40am. Choose which sessions to attend throughout the day if not in an exam. Leave at 3pm.

### **Option 2**

Access school for exams only. Students should arrive on school site wearing full school uniform and be outside their exam room 10 minutes before the start of the exam. The exam register will count as them signing in.

### Option 3

Access school for specific revision sessions, study periods and exams throughout the day. There will be 3 opportunities to arrive in school wearing full school uniform.

- Arrive and register in tutor at 8.40am as normal.
- Arrive at break time to access period 3 subject specific revision session before an afternoon exam. Students will need to sign in at reception between 11.05am and 11.20am for this.
- Arrive at lunch time to access period 5 subject specific revision session. Students will need to sign in at reception between 1.40pm and 1.55pm for this.

Once in school, students must remain on site for their decided length of day. They will only be able to sign out at break time or lunchtime. They can of course remain until 3pm. Once in school, all students need to remain in the designated rooms as per the published timetable. Wandering around the school site will not be permitted. Once a student has signed out, they will not be able to sign back in that day. It is therefore important that students plan their days and come equipped to make best use of their time and the support on offer.