



LCO/SLE

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Dear Parent / Carer

As we approach the start of the exam season, I would like to take the opportunity to provide an update on the key dates and arrangements for Year 11 students until the end of their exams.

### Booster Timetable

As we have done in previous years, we have created a Year 11 Booster Timetable to support students through their exams. The Booster Timetable will start on Tuesday 7 May and is designed to ensure that students are in key, crucial revision sessions prior to their exams in these subjects. These booster sessions replace their usual timetabled lessons and, as much as possible, are with their usual subject teacher to minimise disruption for students. The booster timetable will be shared with students and will also be reflected in their timetables on Arbor. It is essential that students attend their booster sessions as if they were their usual lesson. Attendance is compulsory and sanctions will be put in place for students who are persistently late.

### Exams

All students have been given a copy of their own personalised exam timetable. A copy of the exam timetable can be found on the website [here](#). All students need to know their location and seat number for each exam to ensure a smooth and prompt start to exams. They know the equipment that they should bring to every exam and what time each exam starts. Please do support them with this organisation as it does make a big difference when students arrive calm and settled prior to exams. School uniform should be worn as normal to every exam, but please note that students do not have to wear their blazer in the exam room. Students must attend every exam they have been entered for and if they do not arrive, this will be followed up. As a school, we have to pay to enter students for their exams so, if students do not attend any exams, the school will seek to recuperate this fee from parents and students.

JCQ (Joint Council for Qualifications) have put in place very strict regulations for student conduct during their exams. Students are aware of these but please do discuss these with your child. All JCQ regulations and information about exams can be found [here](#).

### Breakfast Club

Breakfast club has been up and running for a number of months now and it has been wonderful to see so many students attending breakfast club and making the most of all of the resources available to them to revise.

Breakfast club will continue to be available to students until the end of the exam period. It begins at 8 a.m. and students are able to have a free cooked breakfast, water and cereal bar. We strongly encourage all students to access this resource.



### Exam & Wellbeing Support

We are very aware that this time in the year can cause stress and anxiety. To support both students & parents/carers alike, I have attached some links below to offer extra support and guidance of how to support wellbeing during this time. In addition to this, the Year 11 Pastoral Team will also be available during exams to support with wellbeing.

All students have access to **Unifrog**, which we use in school and there are some great resources on there, including past webinars:

- [Sort 0 Wellbeing Personal Development - Webinars Past - Teacher - Unifrog](#)
- [YoungMinds | Mental Health Charity For Children And Young People | YoungMinds](#)
- [Exam Stress | How To Deal with Exam Stress | YoungMinds](#)
- <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Learning-options-and-careers/Happiness-and-Wellbeing/Beating-exam-stress.aspx>

### Uniform

During exams the school rules and standards for uniform will still apply, therefore All Year 11 students must attend in full school uniform (shirt, tie, blazer, shoes etc.) which will still need to be worn correctly throughout the exam period. Those students wishing to purchase these will need to confirm with the Year 11 Pastoral Team.

### Prom – Tuesday 16 July

The Year 11 Prom will take place on Tuesday 16 July at Chase Golf Club with arrival from 6.15 p.m. This will be our formal goodbye to our Year 11 students, and it is an event that we are very much looking forward to. Tickets will be priced at £35 and can be purchased via parent pay once students have officially been invited. A notice will also be placed onto the website to announce when they go on sale, this will be before the half term break.

**Please be reminded that student invitations to the prom are based on their attendance and behaviour and not all students will receive an invite to the school prom.**

### Last Day arrangements

With the final whole cohort exam taking place on 14 June for Physics, we have decided the last day for Year 11 students will be Thursday 20 June. Students will be invited to attend a leavers assembly at 2.15 p.m. to celebrate their successes and wish them well for the future. Please note, students completing Further Maths must attend their exam on Wednesday 19 June. All students completing Hospitality and Catering will also need to attend their exam on the morning of Thursday 20 and return to school for the leaver's assembly in the afternoon.

### Saturday School and Half Term Revision

As always, we have put in place a comprehensive Saturday school and half term revision programme to support your child through their final exams. You will receive this over the next few days. Your support in ensuring your child's attendance at these important sessions is much appreciated.

### **GCSE Results Day – Thursday 22 August**

Students will be able to pick up their exam results on Thursday 22 August 2024 from 8.30 a.m. onwards.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the support you have provided to the students and our school. The Year 11 students have worked hard during the year and that hard work does need to continue all the way through the exam period.

On behalf of all of us here at The Hart School, I wish them every success in their exams.

Yours sincerely

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