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Dear Parents and Carers,

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 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 regularly 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. 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 if it is too hot. As per usual uniform policy, students may not wear leggings or hoodies to school or in their exam; students will be sent home to get changed if they do.

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.

All morning exams start at 9.15am but students must be in school for the usual time – no later than 8.30am. During the exams season, we strongly suggest that all students are in school earlier to attend breakfast club from 8.00am. You will find further details on breakfast club below.

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](#).

There are a number of afternoon exams which finish before the end of the school day. For any afternoon exam which is due to finish at 2.30pm or later, students will be allowed to go home with parental permission. If you wish to give your child permission to leave school at



2.30pm on days that they have afternoon exams, please complete this [MS Form](#) to give your permission. If this MS Form is not completed by parents, and we therefore don't have permission to allow students to leave, students will remain on site and will be in a room with a teacher for supervised revision.

For your convenience, the dates of the afternoon exams are listed below. These are the only days where students who have sat these exams will be permitted to leave school early (with parental permission). On all other days, all students are to remain in school until the usual finish time of 3.10pm. Any student who wishes to remain on site at the end of the day to attend revision classes is encouraged to do so.

Date	Exam	Finish Time
Tues 12 th May	Biology Paper 1	2.30pm (combined) and 3.00pm (triple)
Friday 22 nd May	Sport – Health and Fitness	2.45pm
Tues 2 nd June	Statistics Paper 1	3pm
Weds 3 rd June	Geography Paper 2	2.45pm
Monday 8 th June	I Media	2.45pm
Tuesday 9 th June	History Paper 3	2.45pm
Weds 10 th June	Design	3.15pm
Friday 12 th June	Hospitality Statistics	2.35pm 3pm

Breakfast Club

We expect all our students to be in school early on the day of exams. Breakfast will be available from 8.00am every day in the canteen where students will be able to have a free breakfast including toast, cereal bars, fruit and water. On the day of the exams, relevant subject teachers will be in the canteen from this time supporting students with any last minute questions and revision. We strongly encourage all students to access this free breakfast and important start to the day.

Leaving Date

In line with Department for Education guidance, all Year 11 students remain on our school roll until the official leaving date which is towards the end of June. However, once students have completed their final exam, they are not required to attend school. We do, however, expect all students to be in school every day until the day of their final exam. For most students, this will be Physics Paper 2 on Monday 15th June. For those students studying Spanish, the last exam will be on Tuesday 16th June.

Should you wish for your child to continue attending school after their final exam, we are able to supervise them during the school day until they are no longer on our roll. Please let us know if you would like your child to take advantage of this provision.

Final Assembly

A Year 11 highlight each year is the Leavers' assembly which takes place after the final exams. This is an opportunity for students to say goodbye to their teachers and other students, sign their shirts and attend a celebratory assembly. As with the school prom, we reserve the right to refuse entry to this celebration if we have concerns around students'



behaviour. The leavers' final assembly will take place on Monday 15th June after Physics Paper 2. Further details on timings will be provided closer to the time.

Sixth Form

For students who are yet undecided as to where to continue their studies post-16, we are still accepting applications for sixth form. Please speak to Mr Brennan or Mr Dangerfield. For those students that have applied to sixth form, there will be a series of optional taster lessons taking place after the exams have finished. Students will be contacted closer to the time once dates have been confirmed.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all of your support this year. Students should be reminded that they are now on the final stretch and that their hard work really does pay off! 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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