



ST. AIDAN'S

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

March 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach the Year 11 GCSE Examinations I write to inform you of the arrangements we have put in place to support your son/daughter at this critical time. All Year 11 lessons will continue to take place until Friday 10th May, with a final assembly during period 3.

From Monday 13th May, the GCSE exams take place and lessons will be voluntary for students. There are two weeks before the May half term holiday and teachers will be available during their normal timetabled lessons in order to support students when not in exams. They should register in their classes if they choose to attend lessons and will be automatically registered during both morning and afternoon exams.

After half term any student wishing to come into school any time from 8.00 am to do private revision or to speak with individual members of staff may do so using the rooms specified at Reception at the beginning of each day. At this point, it is important that they sign in at reception on arrival, if they are not in an exam, and sign out before leaving school.

Students should wear full school uniform during the whole examination period.

There continues to be many revision opportunities available in school for year 11; a list of these is with form tutors/in form rooms for ease of reference and is also on the reverse of this letter.

We are very conscious that the remaining time prior to and during the examinations is vitally important in relation to the outcomes in August and we would ask that every student uses this time constructively both at school and at home. Mr Bean and Mrs King will be available at any time during the exam period to discuss specific issues.

We have been very impressed by the maturity shown by the students in Year 11 this year and obviously wish them well for what lies ahead.

Yours sincerely

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Scheduled revision/drop-in sessions are listed below; in addition to this, students are always encouraged to ask for help outside of lessons as and when it is needed.

PE	Wednesdays and Thursdays 3.45-5pm
Chemistry	Wednesday 12:50 in CH4
English	Friday 12:35 in EN7
French	Monday 1pm in ML6 (speaking) Thurs 12:50 in ML4
German	Thurs lunch
Spanish	Tue/Wed lunch
History	Wednesday after school for one hour in the Stott Wing
DT	Tue/Wed 3.35-5 for completion of NEAs
Textiles	Wednesday after school
Physics	Tuesday-Friday in PH5
Geography	Monday after school

Key messages for successful revision:

- 1 Keep it active;** reading notes is a very low value activity; self-testing/answering sets of questions is very high value.
- 2 Little and often;** eg 20 mins with 10 mins break
- 3 Mix it up;** shuffle subjects and keep switching between different content within the one subject
- 4 Stay physically active;** try to build in/maintain physical exercise and sufficient sleep

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