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Year 11 Practice Examinations & Study Leave

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to inform you of various arrangements which concern Year 11 students over the next few months. Firstly, may I draw your attention to the letter sent to you earlier this term about progression into the Sixth Form and GCSE controlled assessment deadlines. As this coming Spring term is the busiest period for such work, your support in encouraging your son/daughter not to leave things to the last minute would be helpful.

The practice GCSE examinations will take place in the period Tuesday 3rd - Friday 13th January 2012 inclusive. **Normal lessons will resume on Monday 16th January 2012.** During the practice GCSE examinations period students are allowed to revise at home at times when they do not have a paper to sit, provided you give permission for them to do so. Every student has been informed of the timetable for the practice examinations. Study leave for the actual GCSE examinations will begin on Friday 11th May 2012. During these two periods of study leave, facilities can be made available for study at school if parents prefer this.

It is important to emphasise too that progression to the Sixth Form should not be regarded as automatic. Students should:

- have the necessary GCSE background
- have a real interest in their studies
- be involved in, and enjoy, the support of the school community
- have a record of meeting the specialist subjects' requirements and coursework deadlines
- be evidently self-disciplined (e.g. in attendance, behaviour, punctuality, and uniform).

There are also the two academic requirements: students must achieve at least A grades in the subjects they wish to study at AS-level; and students must achieve at least 6 grade As overall in the GCSE examinations.

GCSE Results will be available for issue on Thursday 23rd August 2012, from 9.30 am. Students will be able to collect a summary of their results from the school on that date to enable Sixth Form places to be allocated in advance of the start of the Autumn Term on Tuesday 4th September 2012.

An increasing number of employers and selectors for places in post-18 education are now expecting students to have had a period of work experience while they are at school. Your son/daughter has been told about our work experience scheme in assembly on Tuesday 15th November 2011. We have a limited number of placements and are happy to help students arrange placements in their chosen field of work. However, many of the most useful placements are arranged by students themselves either by direct approaches or through family contacts. If, for any reason, your son/daughter cannot take their work experience immediately after the GCSEs a placement needs to be arranged during the summer holidays or the October half-term in year 12. We will need written confirmation of this prior to your son/daughter taking a place in the Sixth Form. For those who have not yet returned their form indicating whether they will be seeking a school placement or arranging their own, please do so as soon as possible.

As important information is included in this letter, I should be grateful if you would complete the reply slip below and return it to the small hall collection point by 8.40am on Thursday 8th December 2011.

Yours sincerely,

Linda Beskeen
Deputy Head, Curriculum

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Practice Examinations January 2012

Student Name: _____

Form: _____

***I *do* / *do not* give permission for my son/daughter to study at home when he/she does not have an examination**

**Please delete as necessary.*

Signature of Parent/Carer

Year 11 Practice GCSE Examinations Timetable

January 2012

All examinations are in the Seward Studio and Gym unless otherwise indicated

Morning Start Time 9:00

Afternoon Start Time 1:30

Date	a.m.	No.	length	p.m.	No.	length
Tues 3 Jan	ENGLISH LANGUAGE	178	2.15	MATHEMATICS (Non-Calculator)	178	1:45
Wed 4 Jan	PHYSICS Paper 2 (9.00-9.45) FRENCH (10.15- 11.05)	178 99	:45 :50	ENGLISH LIT 1 (Exploring Mod Texts)	178	1:30
Thurs 5 Jan	CHEMISTRY Paper 2 (9.00-9.45)	178	:45	BUSINESS STUDIES	61	1:00
Fri 6 Jan	ART PRACTICAL MEDIA	30	ALL DAY	ART PRACTICAL MEDIA	30	ALL DAY
Mon 9 Jan	RUSSIAN LATIN LIT	26 24	1:55 1.00	ENGLISH LIT 2 (Poetry)	178	1:15
Tues 10 Jan	R.E. I (9.00-10.30) BIOLOGY Paper 2 (11.00-11.45)	26 178	1:30 :45	MATHEMATICS (Calculator)	178	1:45
Wed 11 Jan	P.E (9.00-11.00)	15	2:00	GERMAN	87	:50
Thurs 12 Jan	DRAMA (9:00 – 10.30)	19	1:30	R.E. II (9.00 – 10.30)	26	1:30
Fri 13 Jan	MUSIC (PA16/17)	31	1:30	LATIN LANGUAGE (2x1hr)	24	2:00

Normal timetable is resumed on Monday, 16th January 2012