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Dear Parent / Carer,

I am writing to all families of Year 11 students who are due to take examinations in the forthcoming weeks, to explain how your child will be prepared for the experience and how you can help.

Revising for exams

Students have now completed their final set of mock exams and families will receive their final Tracker in the coming days. Therefore, every student should now be revising independently for their final exams. For advice on how you can support your child with this, please visit the dedicated areas of our website: <https://www.wilsthorpe.ttct.co.uk/curriculum/revision/>

In addition, there are some revision sessions running over the Easter break as follows:

WEEK 1	
Monday 11 April	English (Mr Hawkins' class) 10am - 12pm
Tuesday 12 April	Maths (higher tier) 10am - 12pm
Wednesday 13 April	Science (Triple. Combined foundation tier) 10am - 12pm Science (Combined higher tier) 1pm - 3pm Textiles 10am - 2pm
WEEK 2	
Thursday 21 April	English (all groups) 10am - 12pm
Friday 22 April	Art (both groups) 10am - 12pm

Timetables

You will receive your child's final exam timetable over the Easter break. Please notify the school if spellings and dates of birth are incorrect and please note that it is your child's legal name (not their preferred name) that must be used. These details will appear on certificates issued by the exam boards.

Arriving for exams

Before every examination, students will be involved in a master-class revision session, either in the morning before an afternoon exam or the afternoon before a morning exam. In addition, free breakfasts from 8.00am will be available for students taking morning examinations and free fruit, biscuits and drinks from 12.30pm before afternoon examinations. These pre-exam sessions will take place in the Main Hall.

Lessons

During the exam period, the following arrangements apply:

- All students attend all lessons until May half term break, i.e. Friday 27 May. If they have completed their last exam or piece of coursework in a subject, they will be able to revise for other subjects independently in their usual classroom during those lessons.
- After May half term break (i.e. from Monday 6 June onwards), students only attend lessons in those subjects for which they still have an exam or still have a final piece of coursework to complete.
- Students will be expected to attend in full uniform to all lessons/examinations.
- The official leaving date for Year 11 is always the last Friday in June. This year it is Friday 24 June. However, all students must remain available for examinations until 29th June. Should there be any widespread local or national disruption to examinations, the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) will reschedule examinations up until 29th June, and we therefore must request that students remain available.

Equipment

Please ensure that your son/daughter brings all necessary equipment to each exam. The required equipment includes black pens, pencil, pencil sharpener, rubber and ruler. Calculators, protractors and coloured pencils should also be brought when necessary. All equipment should be taken into the examination room in a clear plastic bag or clear pencil case.

Conduct in Examinations

The exam boards issue *Information for Candidates*, which is available here:

<https://www.jcq.org.uk/exams-office/information-for-candidates-documents/>. It is essential that all students are aware of and observe the content. Students will be allowed to take water into the exams, provided it is in a plain bottle, free from labelling.

End-of-Year celebrations

The Year 11 shirt-signing day will be Friday 13 May, immediately prior to the start of the period of exams. Please note that students will need a fresh shirt with which to begin their exams the following Monday! The Year 11 Prom takes place on Friday 8 July. Please note that, in order to attend, students are required to sit all scheduled exams, attend consistently over the remaining weeks and continue to demonstrate a positive attitude to their studies.

Results

GCSE results will be available for students to collect from school on Thursday 25 August, from 9.00am - 1.00pm. Students can choose to have results posted to them. In this case, a stamped addressed envelope (for a large A4 size letter) is required and should be handed in at Reception before the leaving date. Alternatively, results may be collected by a representative with written authorisation from the student. Please note that students will only be able to receive their results in August if they have returned their Leaver's Form to the Year 11 Progress Manager. This should be done before the official leaving date.

Sixth Form enrolment

For those Year 11 students that have secured a place at Wilsthorpe Sixth Form for September or who wish to apply, enrolment will take place on GCSE results day (Thursday 25 August) between 9.00am - 1.00pm.

Once students have collected their GCSE results, they should come over to the Sixth Form enrolment desks and a member of the Sixth Form team will complete their enrolment.

Sixth Form induction

Ahead of GCSE results day, all Year 11 students that have successfully secured a place in Wilsthorpe Sixth Form will be invited to attend a Sixth Form induction week in the week commencing Monday 27 June. Mrs Hirst, our Head of Sixth Form, will be sending out a separate letter with further details about this important transition event.

Certificates

These will arrive in school early November when a letter will be sent home informing you of this.

I wish your child and your family every good wish through this forthcoming exam period and please do not hesitate to contact a member of staff if you have any questions or concerns you would like to discuss.

Yours sincerely



D Hobbs
Headteacher