

4 May 2022

Dear parents / carers,

I hope that you had an enjoyable bank holiday weekend and trust that you and your family feel positive about the term ahead at Wilsthorpe. I am writing with information about some key milestones over the coming weeks.

### Summer exams

Every student will undertake assessments or exams later this term, with some now less than 2 weeks away:

Year Group	Exam Type	Exam Window
Year 7	End of School Year Exams	13 <sup>th</sup> June – 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2022
Year 8	End of School Year Exams	13 <sup>th</sup> June – 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2022
Year 9	End of School Year Exams	13 <sup>th</sup> June – 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2022
Year 10	End of School Year Exams	5 <sup>th</sup> July – 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2022
Year 11	GCSEs	16 <sup>th</sup> May – 24 <sup>th</sup> June 2022
Year 12	Internal Progress Exams	27 <sup>th</sup> June – 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2022
Year 13	A Levels	16 <sup>th</sup> May – 24 <sup>th</sup> June 2022

Advice on revision can be found here: <https://www.wilsthorpe.ttct.co.uk/curriculum/revision/>

In addition, families of students in Year 11 and Year 13 students should have already received detailed letters about arrangements for GCSE and A Level exams. These letters can be found here: <https://www.wilsthorpe.ttct.co.uk/information/letters/>

### Uniform and equipment for exams

It is a requirement that all students are in full uniform, with all required equipment, for all assessments and exams. Therefore, over the course of this week, we will be ensuring that students are indeed exam-ready. These requirements are the same as our usual expectations set out for students here: <https://www.wilsthorpe.ttct.co.uk/culture/ready-to-learn/>

For clarity, students are reminded that they are required to have the following items, all of which can be purchased on Parentpay:

- 2 pens
- Pencil and pencil sharpener
- A ruler (300mm)
- An eraser
- A set of mathematical instruments

Students must wear full school uniform, with formal, black shoes, no acrylic nails or jewellery (apart from a single set of simple earrings). Every student must have a blazer on at all times, although these can be removed once inside the classroom/exam hall or if permission is given on account of high temperatures. Mobile phones must be switched off and kept away at all times in exams and everywhere on the school site.

Finally, I wanted to share with you the fact that Mr Rose, our Deputy Headteacher, will be leaving Wilsthorpe School at the end of this academic year. He has been Deputy Headteacher for 13 years and has played a pivotal role in the school's journey from a position where it was undersubscribed to now be the oversubscribed, school-of-choice for many families, judged by OFSTED to be 'Good with outstanding leadership'. I know the respect there is for Mr Rose across the school community and we will certainly find a way of reflecting this before he leaves at the end of the academic year. In the meantime, we have begun the process of recruiting a new Deputy Headteacher and will ensure that both staff and students are involved in the appointment process.

I wish every student success in their forthcoming assessments and exams. If you would like to speak to someone with concerns or questions about these or any other matter, please start with your child's form tutor as the first point of contact, and we will always do our best to be responsive to you.

With kind regards,



**Mr D Hobbs**  
**Headteacher**