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Dear Parents

Year 11 Exam Season

Exam Sessions

The first GCSE written examination takes place on 16 May 2022. Enclosed with this letter is a student plan giving details of exam dates and in-school revision sessions. Students will receive this plan as well as a timetable with seat numbers on.

We ask you to support the smooth running of exams by ensuring that your child arrives at school every day punctually during the exam period. Revision breakfasts will start at 8.25am each day when there is a morning exam, with students being accompanied to the exam hall by subject staff by 8.50am. Afternoon examinations will start at 1pm. They will leave their coats and bags in the sports hall changing rooms before lining up outside the hall in seat number order.

Students should ensure that they have the correct equipment for the exam, in particular they should be aware when they need a calculator.

Students will be expected to hand in mobile phones and smart watches before exams which will be stored securely and returned to students after the exam, as per the Ofqual National Examination requirements previously shared with you.

School Attendance

Students will continue to attend school on a full-time basis attending all lessons and revision sessions until Thursday 16 June. During this day, time will be made available for shirt signing.

From Friday 17 June, students will follow a bespoke timetable and only be required to attend school for their examinations and for any identified revision sessions. Outside of these sessions, with parental permission, students will be allowed to leave the school site and make their way home. Please complete the Google Form linked at the end of this letter to confirm your permissions for your child to leave the site at these times. Should you not wish to give permission, please also indicate this on the form. A supervised study area will be provided for those students who will remain on site.

Afternoon Exam Finish Times

For afternoon exams, the majority finish in time for students to catch the normal school transport home. However, the Design Technology exam on Wednesday 15 June and the Additional Maths exam takes place on Friday 24 June will run beyond the end of the school day. Any student taking these exams who travels by bus should consider making alternative transport arrangements.

Students who receive extra time in the examinations, should also make this consideration for any afternoon exams whose duration is one hour 45 minutes or longer.



Final Examination Dates

The final examination for most students is on Thursday 23 June (Additional Maths takes place on the afternoon of Friday 24 June), however **please note: it is essential that students are available until the contingency exam date which is Wednesday 29 June**. This date will be used if an exam is disrupted due to unforeseen circumstances.

Celebrations

We look forward to celebrating student achievement at our celebration assembly on Friday 24 June and the formal celebrations of the Prom at the Knights Hill Hotel in Kings Lynn on Thursday 30 June. GCSE results will be published on Thursday 25 August. Further details of results day will be communicated to you later in the term.

Please could you acknowledge receipt of this letter giving formal consent for your child to leave the site following revision sessions and exams from Friday 17 June. You can do this by completing the Google Form: - https://docs.google.com/forms/d/15Uh-T7iT_aQCjtde-3fELG6o_bE11xgkb2fmNV3XCEo/edit or emailing me directly - s.chapman@smithdonhigh.org.uk

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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