

25 April 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Year 11 Update – GCSE Exams

As you will be aware, the formal ‘sit-down’ GCSE exams are due to begin on Monday 16 May. All students have been issued with an exam timetable last week and this is also available via the school website here: [Hungerhill School - Exam Timetables](#)

We have all witnessed first hand how hard this group of students have worked, in particular over the last 2 years, in what have been incredibly challenging circumstances. As part of our Covid-recovery we have implemented a range of strategies to support our students over the last 18 months and we are currently in the process of finalising the plan to support them throughout this final stretch of their secondary education. A formal overview of this plan will follow nearer the time with the package aimed to:

- Ensure students are with the right teachers at the right time
- Ensure we manage students’ cognitive load and anxiety so they are fully focused on their upcoming assessments
- Manage students’ fatigue by establishing clear routines and patterns on the day of exams
- Prepare students to perform at their very best

We must stress that students will be expected to attend school as normal throughout the exam period, in full school uniform and attendance to exams and lessons will continue to be closely monitored.

Throughout the exam period, ‘exam booster’ sessions will be delivered both before and after school to prepare students for forthcoming exams. Where a student is taking an exam in a particular subject, their attendance at these sessions will be compulsory.

Although the final ‘whole cohort’ exam is scheduled to take place on Thursday 23 June, in the event of any local or national disruption to the running of an examination, a ‘contingency day’ is designated to allow for these examinations to be rescheduled. This year the Examination Awarding Bodies have set the contingency day to be Wednesday 29 June and families should therefore avoid making plans for this day.

The official leaving date for Year 11 is Friday 24 June. The school is proposing that there will be some reduction in the school day for students, week commencing the 20 June, with study leave commencing on Friday 24 June, after the final whole cohort exam. Parents/carers will need to consent to this and where this does not happen the school will continue to provide supervised sessions, which must be attended. Further information regarding this will all be communicated clearly to parents/carers as part of the booster timetable.

A full timetable of the provision from Monday 16 May will be distributed in due course, which identifies times and allocation of booster sessions which will run as follows:

- 8.00-8.30am
- During the school day
- 3.10-4.10pm

Please can parents/carers remember that students should not solely rely on the school's revision programme, it is offered to support additional revision and exam preparation that is being done at home. Teachers will continue to set useful information and reminders through your child's individual **Teams folders** and students should continue to access this. Each student has been issued with their individual copy of the Hungerhill Study Skills brochure and have been mastering the use of these skills throughout the last few months. In addition to this there are also subject-specific top tips and generic exams and revision information available via the school website here: [Hungerhill School - Exams & Revision](#) Subject specific revision guides also remain available via SIMs Pay.

Leavers' 'Celebration' Week

Even though not all exams have been completed this is scheduled to take place week of the 20 -25 June. This week is a celebration of students' hard work and commitment to their studies and Student Leaders are already working with the Leadership Team to develop the week's programme of activities. This includes a special Leavers Assembly (Wednesday 22 June) and the glitzy end of year Prom. Watch this space for further details.

Year 11 Prom

We are delighted to confirm that the date for the prom is the 24 June at Doncaster Rugby Club. The event will run from 7.00pm-11.00pm. We look forward to creating a memorable event with the students, celebrating their 5 years with us at Hungerhill School prior to them embarking onto their next venture.

Tickets will be on sale shortly and a survey will be sent out to ascertain dietary requirements. We will be in contact with further information in due time. As previously mentioned, the criteria has been stipulated and those students who are exempt from coming to the prom will be informed prior to tickets going on sale. Please be mindful those students who did not qualify for the Celebration Event prior to Easter need to have shown significant improvements in attendance, punctuality, Attitude to Learning, engagement at intervention sessions etc to secure their ticket.

Finally, we want all students to have a very positive final few months with us. We wish all our Year 11 students the very best of luck in their exams and we hope that they will be pleased with the outcomes that they receive on **Results Day Thursday 25 August**.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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