

8 WEEKS TO START OF EXAMS

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Students have recently completed their second set of Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs) and will be starting to receive feedback from their teachers. The majority of students worked really hard for these recent examinations and achieved far higher grades than they have done previously; we are certainly really proud of the way in which they have conducted themselves, and they too should feel a sense of pride. This experience is just one of many on the journey to the final examinations and it is an important time to stop and reflect on their performance. Students will be encouraged to review their examination papers, celebrate their successes and then develop the areas in which they performed less well.



Leavers' Hoodies

If you would like to purchase a leavers' hoody for your son/daughter, then please use the following link to order it online:

<https://www.schoolleaverscompany.co.uk/shops/SL35378>

Hoodies are priced at £16.45 each and sweatshirts cost £17.45 each. Available to order until Monday 3 April 2017.

REMINDER Please return your Prom reply slip ASAP to Miss Walsh.

GCSE Art Exam

On 22 and 23 March, the GCSE Art exam is taking place. Students have been working exceptionally hard over the past eight weeks to develop a portfolio of work that will lead to a final piece.

The Art students recently undertook their second PPE 2 and the outcomes were great. All students have made progress from their PPE 1 grade and we hope that the students build on this success.

Please support and encourage your child to utilise their time to focus on their Art studies, as the exam is just around the corner.



Parents' Evening Some students, and parents, will be invited into school on Wednesday 19 April for an additional parents' evening. These students will be selected on the basis of their PPE performance. This will give you the opportunity to talk further with representatives from various subject areas.

Geography Update

Over the next few months as we build up to the exams, there are a number of events/opportunities that students need to be aware of.

1. Every Tuesday in L4 there will be an opportunity for all students to attend a grade booster club to provide additional support with homework booklets.
2. On 27 and 28 April, an external speaker will be providing revision sessions for all Year 11 geographers. These sessions will last for an hour and a half. The speaker, Bob Digby, is a former principal examiner for Edexcel and has written and edited a number of textbooks. He will be sharing this expertise with students, providing valuable insights into useful exam techniques.
3. A group of Year 11 geographers has been selected to attend extra revision sessions on a Thursday. These sessions will run for five weeks prior to study leave and will target questions and exam techniques that will help students get a high grade.

If you would like to buy revision guides/workbooks for your son/daughter, these are available on Amazon for £5.99. The syllabus your child is studying is Edexcel B.

https://www.amazon.co.uk/REVISE-Edexcel-Geography-Evolving-Revision/dp/1446905373/ref=sr_1_3?ie=UTF8&qid=1488813617&sr=8-3&keywords=edexcel+b+geography+revision

Is Your Son or Daughter a Historian?

We are looking to support your child with their revision. As a department we are already giving your son or daughter the skills and content, to assist them in their History revision, but we want to highlight further the opportunities there are for them.

- Revision every Tuesday – workshops and help sessions to guide and tailor their revision to their individual needs.
- Bespoke revision sessions in lessons, practising the questions they need to.

The topic plan in lessons until they depart will be:

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| Week 1: Cold War | Week 5: Cold War |
| Week 2: Cold War | Week 6: Cold War |
| Week 3: Britain | Week 7: Germany |
| Week 4: Britain | Week 8: Britain |

Revision Timetable

There are lots of different ways to write a revision timetable; students are likely to be using a number of different methods at the moment. Over the next few months, students need to start to refine this process and be really specific with what they are going to revise and when. As Mr Bowman commented in the last newsletter they need to be honest with themselves as to what they have done and what they need to do, and then they need to get on with it!

Our expectation is that students spend around three hours each

evening working on exam preparations and revision. The vast majority of homework tasks will be focused on exam preparation and so will form some of these activities, but students will also need to be making flash cards and mind maps to aid their recall. All students were issued with a revision timetable outline, flash cards and the like. If they need any more flash cards or sticky notes, please ask them to speak to their form tutor.

Above is an example as to what a good revision timetable may look like.

| FREE TIME | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
|---|--|---|--|---|---|---|--|
| - watch french tv shows - listen to french radio/music - clean room | Revise all topics in P1a Revise english language techniques Revise all CIA topics Make ICT Revision Posters Theme 1 Revision Religion and science Mass media French vocab | Medical Ethics Mass Media Revise all CIA topics Theme 1 Flash cards Revise all topics in P1b Re-read of Nice and Men. Maths any topic French vocab | Medical Ethics Create mind maps on themes in OMAM Revise all CIA topics Make ICT Revision Posters Theme 2 Revision Revise all topics in P2a Studying Society | Revise all topics in P2b Revise all C2b topics Theme 2 Flash cards Studying Society Religion and war Maths any topic Revise poems and language techniques | Make flash cards for ICT Education Maths any topic French vocab Revise all topics in P3a Revise over Poems. Revise all C3a topics Theme 3 Revision | Education Tutor Session Revise all C3b topics Make ICT flash cards Theme 3 Flash cards French vocab Revise all topics in P3b Create mind maps on characters in OMAM. | Cover again any topics you've struggled with. Maths Past paper French Paste papers Cover again any topics you've struggled with. Make ICT Posters. |

Key:
 Geography
 Chemistry
 Physics
 French
 ICT
 English
 RS

English Revision Timetable

| Date | Session | Questions | Staff | Room |
|--|--|---|-------|------|
| Tuesday 21 March | English Language: Writing about Language and Structure | Paper 1: Question 3; Paper 2: Question 3 | GL | C6 |
| Thursday 23 March | English Language: Evaluating Texts | Paper 1: Question 4; Paper 2: Question 6 | FL | B7 |
| Tuesday 28 March | English Language: Creative Writing | Paper 1: Section B | JB | C8 |
| Thursday 30 March | English Language: Transactional Writing | Paper 2: Section B | CR | C8 |
| Tuesday 18 April | English Language: Comparing Texts | Paper 2: Question 7 | ME | C8 |
| Thursday 20 April | English Language: Tackling Short Answer Questions | Paper 1: Questions 1 and 2; Paper 2: Questions 1, 2, 4 and 5 | WA | C9 |
| Tuesday 25 April | English Language: Evaluating Texts | Paper 1: Question 4; Paper 2: Question 6 | FL | B7 |
| Thursday 27 April | English Language: Writing about Language and Structure | Paper 1: Question 3; Paper 2: Question 3 | GL | C6 |
| Tuesday 2 May | English Language: Transactional Writing | Paper 2: Section B | CR | C8 |
| Thursday 4 May | English Language: Creative Writing | Paper 1: Section B | JB | C8 |
| Tuesday 9 May | English Literature: Exploring Contexts | Paper 1: <i>Journey's End</i> and <i>Macbeth</i> ; Paper 2: Poetry | CC | B5 |
| Thursday 11 May | English Literature: Writing About Whole Texts | Paper 1: <i>Journey's End</i> and <i>Macbeth</i> ; Paper 2: <i>A Christmas Carol</i> | RO | B4 |
| Tuesday 16 May | English Literature: Analysing an Extract | Paper 1: <i>Macbeth</i> ; Paper 2: <i>A Christmas Carol</i> | MD | B6 |
| Thursday 18 May | English Literature: Paper 1 Q&A | | ME | C8 |
| Monday 22 May: English Literature Paper 1 Examination | | | | |
| Tuesday 23 May | English Literature: Writing about Poetry | Paper 2: Sections B and C | RO | B4 |
| Thursday 25 May | English Literature: Paper 2 Q&A | | ME | C8 |
| Friday 26 May: English Literature Paper 2 Examination | | | | |
| Monday 5 June | English Language: Paper 1 Q&A | | ME | C8 |
| Tuesday 6 June: English Language Paper 1 Examination | | | | |
| Thursday 8 June | English Language: Paper 2 Q&A | | ME | C8 |
| Monday 12 June: English Language Paper 2 | | | | |

Exam Timetable (May 2017)

| Day | Date | Start | Duration | Component Title | Exam | Level | Board | Cand |
|-----|--------|-------|----------|--|---------|---------|------------|------|
| Mon | 15-May | 09:15 | 01:30 | Religious Studies | 5RS0101 | GCSE/B | EDEXL/GCSE | 256 |
| Mon | 15-May | 13:30 | 01:30 | Sociology Unit 1 | 41901 | GCSE/B | AQA | 25 |
| Tue | 16-May | 09:15 | 00:25 | French – Listening [F] | 5FR011F | GCSE/B | EDEXL/GCSE | 25 |
| Tue | 16-May | 09:15 | 00:35 | French – Listening [H] | 5FR011H | GCSE/B | EDEXL/GCSE | 25 |
| Tue | 16-May | 09:15 | 00:35 | French – Reading [F] | 5FR033F | GCSE/B | EDEXL/GCSE | 25 |
| Tue | 16-May | 09:15 | 00:50 | French – Reading [H] | 5FR033H | GCSE/B | EDEXL/GCSE | 25 |
| Tue | 16-May | 13:30 | 01:00 | Biology Unit 1 Tier F | BL1FP | GCSE/B | AQA | 96 |
| Tue | 16-May | 13:30 | 01:00 | Biology Unit 1 Tier H | BL1HP | GCSE/B | AQA | 170 |
| Wed | 17-May | 09:15 | 01:30 | IT – Living in a Digital World | 5IT0101 | GCSE/B | EDEXL/GCSE | 38 |
| Wed | 17-May | 13:30 | 01:30 | Religious Studies – Rel/Society | 5RS0801 | GCSE/B | EDEXL/GCSE | 173 |
| Thu | 18-May | 09:15 | 01:00 | Chemistry Unit 1 Tier F | CH1FP | GCSE/B | AQA | 96 |
| Thu | 18-May | 09:15 | 01:00 | Chemistry Unit 1 Tier H | CH1HP | GCSE/B | AQA | 170 |
| Thu | 18-May | 13:30 | 01:30 | Sociology Unit 2 | 41902 | GCSE/B | AQA | 25 |
| Fri | 19-May | 13:30 | 01:30 | Physical Education Unit 3 | 48903 | GCSE/B | AQA | 75 |
| Mon | 22-May | 09:15 | 01:45 | English Literature – Shakesp. & Post 1914 Lit. | 1ET0 01 | GCSE/FC | EDEXL/GCSE | 267 |
| Mon | 22-May | 13:30 | 01:15 | Geography – Dynamic Planet [F] | 5GB1F01 | GCSE/B | EDEXL/GCSE | 82 |
| Mon | 22-May | 13:30 | 01:15 | Geography – Dynamic Planet [H] | 5GB1H01 | GCSE/B | EDEXL/GCSE | 14 |
| Wed | 24-May | 09:15 | 01:00 | Applied Business – Financial Records | 5AB0201 | GCSE/B | EDEXL/GCSE | 38 |
| Wed | 24-May | 09:15 | 00:45 | Business Studies – Intro. to Small Business | 5BS0101 | GCSE/B | EDEXL/GCSE | 26 |
| Wed | 24-May | 13:30 | 01:00 | Physics Unit 1 Tier F | PH1FP | GCSE/B | AQA | 96 |
| Wed | 24-May | 13:30 | 01:00 | Physics Unit 1 Tier H | PH1HP | GCSE/B | AQA | 140 |
| Thu | 25-May | 09:15 | 01:45 | Maths – Non Calculator [F] | 1MA0 1F | GCSE/FC | EDEXL/GCSE | 34 |
| Thu | 25-May | 09:15 | 01:45 | Maths – Non Calculator [H] | 1MA0 1H | GCSE/FC | EDEXL/GCSE | 8 |
| Thu | 25-May | 09:15 | 01:30 | Maths – Non Calculator [F] | 1MA1 1F | GCSE/FC | EDEXL/GCSE | 126 |
| Thu | 25-May | 09:15 | 01:30 | Maths – Non Calculator [H] | 1MA1 1H | GCSE/FC | EDEXL/GCSE | 141 |
| Fri | 26-May | 09:15 | 02:15 | English Literature – 19C Nov/Poetry Since 1789 | 1ET0 02 | GCSE/FC | EDEXL/GCSE | 267 |

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Exam Timetable (June 2017)

| Day | Date | Start | Duration | Component Title | Exam Code | Level | Board | Cand |
|-----|--------|-------|----------|--|-----------|---------|------------|------|
| Mon | 05-Jun | 09:15 | 01:15 | History – International Relations | 5HA0101 | GCSE/B | EDEXL/GCSE | 101 |
| Mon | 05-Jun | 13:30 | 02:15 | Media Studies Unit 1 Written Paper | 43910001 | GCSE/B | WJEC/GCSE | 21 |
| Tue | 06-Jun | 09:15 | 01:45 | English – Fiction & Imag. Writing | 1EN0 01 | GCSE/FC | EDEXL/GCSE | 267 |
| Tue | 06-Jun | 13:30 | 01:15 | Geography – People & the Planet [F] | 5GB2F01 | GCSE/B | EDEXL/GCSE | 81 |
| Tue | 06-Jun | 13:30 | 01:15 | Geography – People & the Planet [H] | 5GB2H01 | GCSE/B | EDEXL/GCSE | 14 |
| Wed | 07-Jun | 09:15 | 01:30 | Computing – Cmprtr Sys. & Prgmng Wrtrn | A451/01 | GCSE/B | OCR | 35 |
| Thu | 08-Jun | 09:15 | 01:45 | Maths – Calculator [F] | 1MA0 2F | GCSE/FC | EDEXL/GCSE | 34 |
| Thu | 08-Jun | 09:15 | 01:45 | Maths – Calculator [H] | 1MA0 2H | GCSE/FC | EDEXL/GCSE | 8 |
| Thu | 08-Jun | 09:15 | 01:30 | Maths – Calculator [F] | 1MA1 2F | GCSE/FC | EDEXL/GCSE | 126 |
| Thu | 08-Jun | 09:15 | 01:30 | Maths – Calculator [H] | 1MA1 2H | GCSE/FC | EDEXL/GCSE | 141 |
| Fri | 09-Jun | 09:15 | 01:00 | Biology Unit 2 Tier F | BL2FP | GCSE/B | AQA | 46 |
| Fri | 09-Jun | 09:15 | 01:00 | Biology Unit 2 Tier H | BL2HP | GCSE/B | AQA | 116 |
| Fri | 09-Jun | 09:15 | 01:00 | Biology Unit 3 Tier H | BL3HP | GCSE/B | AQA | 61 |
| Fri | 09-Jun | 13:30 | 01:30 | Business Studies – Building a Business | 5BS0301 | GCSE/B | EDEXL/GCSE | 26 |
| Fri | 09-Jun | 13:30 | 01:30 | Music – Listening & Appraising | 5MU0301 | GCSE/B | EDEXL/GCSE | 16 |
| Mon | 12-Jun | 09:15 | 02:00 | English – Non-Fic. & Trans. Writing | 1EN0 02 | GCSE/FC | EDEXL/GCSE | 267 |
| Mon | 12-Jun | 13:30 | 01:30 | Geography – Geographical Decisions [F] | 5GB3F01 | GCSE/B | EDEXL/GCSE | 81 |
| Mon | 12-Jun | 13:30 | 01:30 | Geography – Geographical Decisions [H] | 5GB3H01 | GCSE/B | EDEXL/GCSE | 14 |
| Mon | 12-Jun | 13:30 | 01:15 | Health and Social – Personal Dev. & Rels. | 5HS0101 | GCSE/B | EDEXL/GCSE | 20 |
| Tue | 13-Jun | 09:15 | 01:30 | Maths – Calculator [F] | 1MA1 3F | GCSE/FC | EDEXL/GCSE | 126 |
| Tue | 13-Jun | 09:15 | 01:30 | Maths – Calculator [H] | 1MA1 3H | GCSE/FC | EDEXL/GCSE | 141 |
| Wed | 14-Jun | 09:15 | 01:00 | Chemistry Unit 2 Tier F | CH2FP | GCSE/B | AQA | 46 |
| Wed | 14-Jun | 09:15 | 01:00 | Chemistry Unit 2 Tier H | CH2HP | GCSE/B | AQA | 116 |
| Wed | 14-Jun | 09:15 | 01:00 | Chemistry Unit 3 Tier H | CH3HP | GCSE/B | AQA | 61 |
| Wed | 14-Jun | 13:30 | 01:15 | History – Germany 1918–39 | 5HA022A | GCSE/B | EDEXL/GCSE | 101 |
| Thu | 15-Jun | 09:15 | 01:30 | Child Development – Prncpls Child Dvlpmt Wrtrn | B013/01 | GCSE/B | OCR | 40 |
| Fri | 16-Jun | 09:15 | 01:00 | Physics Unit 2 Tier H | PH2HP | GCSE/B | AQA | 86 |
| Fri | 16-Jun | 09:15 | 01:00 | Physics Unit 3 Tier F | PH3FP | GCSE/B | AQA | 46 |
| Fri | 16-Jun | 09:15 | 01:00 | Physics Unit 3 Tier H | PH3HP | GCSE/B | AQA | 31 |
| Fri | 16-Jun | 13:30 | 01:15 | Hospitality Unit 4 Written Paper | 47420001 | GCSE/B | WJEC/GCSE | 32 |
| Tue | 20-Jun | 09:15 | 01:15 | History – British Society C1931–51 | 5HA033B | GCSE/B | EDEXL/GCSE | 101 |
| Wed | 21-Jun | 13:30 | 01:00 | Dance – Unit 1 | 42301 | GCSE/B | AQA | 8 |
| Mon | 26-Jun | 09:15 | 02:00 | D & T: Product Design Unit 1 | 45551 | GCSE/B | AQA | 43 |

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