



REDHILL SCHOOL

Dear parents/carers

With the Year 11 exams starting on Monday, I wanted to take this opportunity to give you some information relating to the Year group over the upcoming weeks.

The exam period until May half term:

The exams will start on Monday 15th May and up until May half term, we expect all Year 11 students to attend school as normal during this period. When students are not in an exam, we expect them to attend their lessons where they will complete revision for their upcoming exams. Any absence during this period to complete revision at home will be marked as unauthorised and will impact their overall attendance figure, which could impact post-16 places in September.

Year 11 students must take on the responsibility of bringing in the necessary revision materials for their exams, as teachers will allow them to choose which subject they wish to revise for.

Students are expected to be in full school uniform for the whole period of examinations.

The exam period after May half term:

Year 11 students will be on study leave from the 5th June and will only come into school to complete their exams. Once their exam has finished, they will be expected to leave school and return home.

In terms of revision during this period, the Year 11 exam timetable is incredibly tight, so we have taken the decision to provide online revision VITs for the Year 11 students, which will be found on their Google Classrooms after half term. The VITs will be tailored to the groups needs for each subject and will focus on a variety of challenging common misconceptions, exam technique and closing specific gaps. We will update our website to reflect this information.

As yet, we have no plans for half term revision sessions, but we will let you know if this changes.

General exam information:

Students have received their individual exam timetable, which will specify the time and date of their exams, the duration of their exams including any extra-time they may receive, as well as the seat number of their exam. It is imperative that students keep this to hand throughout the exam period, so that they know where they are sitting in each exam to allow for a smooth and quick entry to the exam hall.

As previously stated, all students will be expected in full school uniform for every exam, even after May half term.

Students have been informed of the necessary procedures for morning and afternoon exams, including where to leave bags, what time they need to arrive at

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their venue, what to do with mobile phones and other electronic devices and having the right equipment for their exams.

Leaver's day:

Year 11 students will have the opportunity to attend their leaver's day on Friday 26th May. As there are no examinations on this day, all students in school will be in normal lessons from period 1 to period 4. At 1:10pm, the end of period 4, Year 7-10 will leave school and break up for May half term, and the Year 11 students will remain on site in the Science block. During the next 2 hours, students will have the opportunity to celebrate with staff and their peers along with attend their leaver's assembly. During this period, students will be provided with pizza and ice cream. Please note the following information regarding leaver's day:

- *Students will be expected in full school uniform for the duration of the day.*
- *If students would like to have their school shirt signed, they must bring another plain school shirt in to wear to the leaver's assembly.*
- *Leaver's hoodies will not be permitted to be worn in the leaver's assembly.*
- *Attendance at the celebration will be reviewed depending on the behaviour of students.*

If you or your child have any questions about anything, please contact me via email – JVaughan@redhill.dudley.sch.uk – and I will make sure the relevant member of staff responds to you.

Kind regards

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