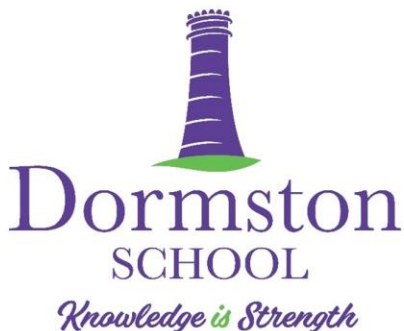


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ALL YEAR 11 PARENTS/CARERS



Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Easter Revision Sessions & Forthcoming GCSE Examinations

I am writing to inform you about the upcoming Easter revision sessions and to reiterate important information regarding the forthcoming GCSE examination period.

Easter revision sessions will be taking place to support pupils in their final preparation. We strongly encourage students to attend these sessions, as they provide valuable opportunities for targeted revision, clarification of key topics, and exam practice.

In addition to the Easter sessions, after-school revision sessions will continue as normal (following our two-week timetable). The Study Hubs (A10/A9) remain open every day until 4.30pm, providing a quiet and supportive space for independent study or helps with revision timetables and tips. For students requiring support with college applications, Ms Froggatt is available in the Study Hub every Monday and will be happy to assist.

Exam Regulations (JCQ)

As we approach the examination season, it is essential that all students are fully prepared and understand the expectations set out by the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ). Students must adhere to all JCQ exam conduct regulations, including:

- arriving on time and in full school uniform;
- bringing only permitted items into the exam room;
- following all instructions given by invigilators;
- not engaging in any form of malpractice, including the possession of unauthorised materials (such as mobile phones, watches of any kind, or notes);
- water bottles must be label-free;
- pencil cases must be clear.

Please click on the link below for further official information around GCSE exam regulations. Please also note, I have attached an additional document outlining official expectations for pupils to accompany this letter. <https://youtu.be/SFhmWQazIAk>

We would also like to stress the importance of students having the correct equipment for lessons, revision sessions and for their examinations. This includes:

- black pens (multiple) – all exam boards require black pens only;
- pencils;
- ruler;
- eraser;
- calculator (Maths, Science, Geography).

Attendance to all examinations is compulsory. Missed examinations will incur a charge to parents/carers. **There are no opportunities for resits** if a student misses an exam; this is the only sitting available within this academic year. Morning examinations begin promptly at 9.00am and afternoon examinations at 1.30pm. Students must arrive in plenty of time to ensure a calm and punctual start. In due course, further information will follow around any pre-exam sessions that may run.



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GCSE Exam Timetables

Parents and carers have already received their child's examination timetable, but it is also available on G4S.

Study Leave

All pupils will be in school until at least May half term and may well be expected to attend full time until the start of the main exams – each year group is different and we will be guided by the needs of the year group as a whole. Further information will follow.

Form Time Intervention Sessions

These compulsory targeted sessions will continue after Easter for two weeks. Current intervention groups will remain the same. Pupils who are not in a targeted intervention session will continue to have access to computer rooms in order to revise independently. Pupils are expected to bring along their own revision materials.

If you require further information regarding GCSE examinations, revision strategies, or subject-specific guidance from Curriculum Leaders, please refer to the GCSE PowerPoint, which can be accessed here: (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DGXiSaZ0tHw>)

Uniform Expectations

As we approach the summer term, I would like to ask for your continued support in terms of uniform expectations, including appropriate length of skirts and the requirements for shoes to be worn (rather than trainers). After the Easter break, pupils can also start to wear their summer polo shirts should they wish to.

Attendance

With the GCSE season due to start immediately after Easter, it is imperative that our Year 11 pupils attend school each and every day. Year 11 lessons are now focussed on exam technique, revision and, of course, exam practice, and so are vital. I would also like to ask for your support in ensuring that your child attends all relevant form-time intervention sessions and is punctual to all lessons so that no learning time is lost. As I am sure you can appreciate, every minute matters in the final few weeks of Year 11.

Thank you for your continued support in helping our wonderful pupils achieve their very best.

Yours sincerely

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