

May 2023

Year 11 Exam Season

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 students have made a fantastic start to the exam season and yesterday's English exam was very well received with a lot of relieved and positive students smiling as they came out of the exam.

A reminder that attendance at school is compulsory until June 16th. Students should not attempt to sign out after an exam. Any student that is not in school will miss out on valuable sessions in class that have already proven to provide students with the perfect guidance to undertake the exam. After May Half Term, student attendance is still compulsory and we have retimetabled every day between June 5th and June 20th to ensure that every exam is preceded by at least one hour of preparation for that subject. We have also scheduled specific sessions when smaller cohorts are in exams and the remaining students are given guidance on key subjects.

The timetable for June 5th to June 16th and June 19th/20th for the final option groups will be published and sent to you next week along with the revision sessions on offer over the May Half Term.

Please be aware that the following dates will affect all Year 11 students:

- May Half Term revision sessions in school
- Monday June 5th - New full time-table in place for all Year 11 students
- Friday June 16th - Last official day for Year 11
- Tuesday June 20th - Last GCSE exam
- Friday 23rd June - Year 11 Leavers' Celebration Day in School
- Friday 7th July - Prom at Portland Sailing Academy

Where exams have been completed in specific subjects before the 16th June, students in school will be provided with lessons and study places to help them prepare for those exams not yet complete. All students are expected in school every day until the 16th June.

Parents and Year 11 students who are concerned about exam stress should get in touch with us and please contact your Head of School if this is the case. We know that exams can be stressful and we have specific strategies and staff allocated to help students over this period as part of our role is to support our students who feel overwhelmed at this time.

Yours sincerely,



Peter Hudson
Vice Principal