



RBE/Exams

May 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

## Arrangements for Examination Period – Year 11

I am writing to confirm arrangements for the forthcoming written GCSE examination period starting on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May and finishing on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June. All candidates must keep Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June clear as it is the National Contingency date, and as such, could be used in the unlikely event of exams being moved by JCQ.

Each student received a copy of their exam timetable in January. Another copy of the exam timetable was also issued in May. Normal timetabled lessons will continue up to and including Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May. During the exam period we will be running at least one revision session in all GCSE subjects proximal to when a relevant paper is being sat and a schedule for these revision sessions is accessible through this link: [Student version Revision weeks 2023.xlsx](#). A hard copy of the revision schedule will also be given to all students to bring home before Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Student attendance at the revision sessions is compulsory.** However, if a parent or carer deems there to be exceptional reasons why their son should not attend any one or more of these sessions, then they should contact Mr Armstrong (Assistant Headteacher) [carmstrong@nsb.northants.sch.uk](mailto:carmstrong@nsb.northants.sch.uk) or Mr Kneeshaw (Deputy Headteacher) [mkneeshaw@nsb.northants.sch.uk](mailto:mkneeshaw@nsb.northants.sch.uk) at the school to discuss the relevant individual circumstances in the first instance. These may relate to, for example, transport issues or, where a parent strongly feels that their son would benefit more fully from revising for extended periods at home without teacher input.

Where students do not have an exam or revision session they should study at home. Revision rooms will also be set aside at school for students who need to study between morning and afternoon exams or for students who would prefer to revise at school rather than at home.

Students will be expected to be in full school uniform whenever they are in school during the exam period whether for exams or revision sessions. A list of Frequently Asked 'Questions and Answers' regarding the exam / revision period can be found here: [FAQ Exams / Revision Y11](#)

I also ask that every student and parent / carer reads through the information they have been sent by the Exams Office, including notices from JCQ. These can be found via this link: [Exam Letters 2023](#)

Within the information sent by the Exams Office, students / parents / carers should take particular note of the rules in the Exam Hall which includes a ban on mobile phones / devices / watches and also the protocol for making special consideration requests. Special consideration is given to a candidate who has temporarily experienced illness, injury or some other event outside of their control at the time of the assessment. It is applied when the issue or event has had, or is reasonably likely to have had, a material effect on a candidate's ability to take an assessment or to demonstrate his normal level of attainment in an assessment. Special consideration can go some way to assist a candidate affected by a potentially wide range of difficulties, emotional or physical, which may influence performance in their examinations.

GCSE results will be available for students from the school on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August in the morning. Results will also be uploaded to the AIM portal on the same day. Face-to-face support for students

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will be accessible at the school throughout August 24<sup>th</sup> / 25<sup>th</sup>. Further details regarding GCSE Results Day including timings, will be sent before the end of the academic year.

I wish all students the very best of luck throughout the exam period and beyond.

Yours sincerely

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