



May 2022

Arrangements for Examination Period – Year 11

I am writing to confirm arrangements for the forthcoming GCSE examination period starting on Monday, 16th May and finishing on Monday, 27th June. All candidates must keep Wednesday, 29th 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 (Joint Council for Qualifications).

Each student received a copy of their exam timetable in January. Another copy of the exam timetable, including seating and rooming information, was also issued in May. Normal timetabled lessons will continue up to and including Friday, 13th 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: [Revision Schedule](#). A hard copy of the revision schedule will also be given to all students to bring home before Friday, May 13th.

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 or Mr Kneeshaw (Deputy Headteacher) 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 sent by the Exams Office, including the notices from JCQ. These can be found via this link: [Exams Office letter / information](#)

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 / electronic devices and all types of watches. Parents / carers should also ensure that they understand 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 demonstrate his or her 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.

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GCSE results will be available for students from the school on Thursday, 25th August in the morning. Results will also be uploaded to the AIM portal on Thursday, 25th August from 12 noon. Face-to-face support for students will be accessible at the school throughout August 25th / 26th. Further details regarding GCSE Results Day and the appeals process will be sent before the end of the academic year - this will include confirmation of the timings of the release of the results.

I wish all students the very best of luck in every exam that they sit, although the harder they work the luckier they will be!

Yours sincerely

Richard Bernard

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