



April 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Exam Arrangements for Year 11

As we approach the [GCSE examination period](#), we are writing to inform you about the arrangements for Year 11.

Revision Sessions and Material Pre-exams

Saturday Revision

We have been delighted with the number of Year 11 students who have regularly attended the Saturday revision sessions. These have now finished for the Easter break but will recommence on the dates below:

- Saturday 26 April 10am to 1pm
- Saturday 3 May 10am to 1pm
- Saturday 10 May – dedicated to English Revision 9.30am to 12.30pm (book via Trips)

Places on all these dates can be booked via Arbor Parent app within Clubs.

Revision Material

All students have access to revision material including:

- Subject specific showbie folder (accessed via their iPads) including a revision folder containing revision material, access to past papers/questions and copies of lesson slides.
- Supporting Success folder available to the whole year group (accessed via Showbie on their iPads).
- Year 11 Preparing for your GCSE exams booklet, this contains an overview of the summer exam dates, revision tips, blank revision timetable templates as well as a week-by-week breakdown of must do, should do and could tasks/activities to help students plan their revision over these final few weeks until their exams. The booklet can be found on this link: [Year 11 Support](#)

Final Assembly

The final Year 11 Assembly will take place in the Main Hall on Wednesday 7 May at 12pm. Once the Assembly has finished, students will be asked to make their way home.

We ask that all students empty their lockers by Tuesday 6 May and take home all their belongings.

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Revision Sessions/Spaces during the Exam Period (from Thursday 8 May)

The GCSE examination period will commence on Thursday 8 May.

From Thursday 8 May, all formal Year 11 lessons will be suspended, and we will have the following arrangements in place:

Subject Specific Revision Lessons

Subjects will be running a series of revision lessons throughout the exam period.

These revision sessions will be available to book after the Easter break via the Arbor Parent Portal by clicking on the Trips tab. A copy of the revision timetable will be shared with you w/c 21 April.

Independent Study Space in School

A supervised study space will also be available to students during the exam period. We expect students to complete their own focused revision during this time. Although these sessions will be for independent study there will be a member of teaching staff available to answer any exam specific issues such as revision queries. If your child would like to study in school, a place can be booked via Arbor Parent App by clicking on Trips tab and selecting the relevant date/time. The timetable detailing these sessions will be available w/c 21 April.

Signing In and Signing Out

Students coming into school to access the supervised study area or one of the subject specific sessions should sign in and out with the Attendance Officer at the student entrance.

Pre-Exam Technique (PRET) Sessions (compulsory)

Before each exam there will be a PRET session facilitated by the subject teacher. The aim of these sessions is to provide students with final exam tips and reminders and address any queries they may have. These sessions are not to impart further subject knowledge, but to 'tune students in' to the exam they are about to sit.

PRET sessions are compulsory, all students are expected to attend the sessions for the subjects that they study. We rely on your support to emphasise the importance of these sessions. These sessions will show in your child's Arbor calendar including the room details. The sessions will take place:

- 8.25am to 8.45am before AM examinations
- 12.25pm to 12.45pm before PM examinations
- The timetable for these sessions will be emailed w/c 21 April

Refreshments (during the Exam Period)

Complimentary refreshments will be available in the Hub from 8am. This not a full breakfast, but refreshments such as flapjack.

For students staying in school to revise or attend an afternoon exam, food will be available to purchase from 12pm in the Hub.

Results Day – Thursday 21 August

The GCSE examination results will be released on Thursday 21 August and students are invited to the Forum from 9am to collect their results. The Sixth Form team will be present throughout the results period to answer any enquiries and manage the transition into Sixth Form. In addition, our independent Careers Adviser, Mrs Mitchell, will be available to support students. Any results which are not collected on the day will be emailed to the student's school email address. If students would like their results sending to an alternative email address (e.g. where they are out of the country on results day and will be unable to access their school email) they should email HGSExams@hgs.rklt.co.uk before results day, from their school email, stating the email address they would like their results sending to. Please note results will not be emailed until noon on the day, at the earliest, to give students the opportunity to collect their results first.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish your son/daughter all the very best in the forthcoming exams and thank you for your continued support. We hope that they will make the most of the revision and support opportunities available to them over the forthcoming examination period.

If you have any questions, please contact me (MasonN@hgs.rklt.co.uk) or Mrs Wilkinson (WilkinsonK@hgs.rklt.co.uk)

We have been very impressed with this year group and wish them every success.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Mason', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr Mason

Assistant Headteacher, Director of Upper School