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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 – around 70 students are attending each week. These have now finished for the Easter break but will recommence on the dates below:

- Saturday 18 April 10am to 1pm
- Saturday 25 April 10am to 1pm
- Saturday 2 May 10am to 1pm
- Saturday 9 May 10am to 1pm

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 full 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 Friday 22 May at 11.10am. Once the Assembly has finished, students will be asked to make their way home. At this point study leave begins. As we have mentioned in parent information evenings this year, study leave this year is two weeks later than previous years. This change has been made to not only align with the local secondary schools in Harrogate, but also to meet Department of Education expectation around statutory attendance. It also gives an opportunity for students to maximise their access to teacher expertise and advice.

We ask that all students empty their lockers by Thursday 21 May and take home all their belongings.

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How will lessons work from Thursday 8 May when GCSE examinations start?

Once exams begin students will be expected to attend school as normal and follow their timetabled lessons. Lessons will be subject revision focused, led by their subject teacher. If a student is in a scheduled exam, they will access this in the normal way within school, following our established procedures. If all exams in a subject are complete before the end of the half term students will still be expected to attend their timetabled lesson in that subject, but they will be allowed to revise subjects of their choice, in a structured way and with a member of staff there to offer them more general support.

Support for students after the half term and during formal exam leave

Subject Specific Revision Lessons

Subjects will be running a series of revision lessons after May Half Term.

These revision sessions will be available to book via the Arbor Parent Portal by clicking on the Trips tab. A copy of the revision timetable will be shared with you before the May Half Term break.

Independent Study Space in School – Post May Half Term

A supervised study space will also be available to students after half term. 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. The timetable detailing these sessions and instructions on how to book places will be shared with you before the May Half Term break. 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 be added to your child's Arbor calendar including the room details ahead of the exam period. The sessions will take place:

- 8.25am to 8.45am before AM examinations
- 12.25pm to 12.45pm before PM examinations

Refreshments (during the Exam Period)

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

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 20 August

The GCSE examination results will be released on Thursday 20 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.

For the first time in Summer 2026, students will be able to access their results via the 'Education Record app', which has been introduced by the Department for Education. Results are not issued on the app until 11am, so it is important that students still attend school at 9am to receive their results in person and confirm arrangements for their next steps, whatever they may be. After Easter, we will be issuing the link to all Year 11 students, for them to download the app on either their phone or their iPad. The app will then keep all their education records centrally, supporting applications to post-16, apprenticeships and higher education routes as they progress in the future. More information about the app can be found here: [Education Record](#)

In addition, 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 Mr Thurley (ThurleyA@hgs.rklt.co.uk).

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

Kind regards



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