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Year 12 Summer Term information

Dear Student & Parent/Carer

Year 12 End of Year Assessments – Friday 5 June to Tuesday 23 June

Please find the timetable for the forthcoming Year 12 End of Year Assessment period [here](#). Individual timetables including rooming and start times have been added to Arbor and will be emailed to students in due course.

The End of Year 12 examinations provide the opportunity to assess material studied over the whole of Year 12 rather than a specific topic in a typical Common Assessed Task (CAT). As such, we expect students to revise and prepare broadly across the whole year of work. The outcomes of these internal exams will be used, in conjunction with other assessments and classwork, to inform predicted grades which are included on UCAS applications in Year 13.

These exams will take place in the sports hall or gym where possible, and in the main school hall/classrooms when the sports hall is in use for the external examinations. These arrangements will help students to become accustomed to the more formal arrangements for mocks in Year 13 and exams at the end of Key Stage 5.

Home study leave has been allocated for all students between Monday 8 June and Friday 19 June. This will give students experience of managing their revision time independently, as they will do in their Year 13 mock exams, and summer exams. The Study Centre in the Sixth Form will be available for students to use for independent revision during this period if they choose to do so.

All students are expected in timetabled lessons on Friday 5 June, Monday 22 June and Tuesday 23 June unless they have an exam. The following arrangements will be in place for those with exams on those dates:

- Students with an exam in the morning will be expected to attend lessons in the afternoon.
- Students with an exam in the afternoon are allocated study leave in the morning.

Students studying specific non-examined subjects and / or those with significant coursework elements will be required to attend school on selected days to work on compulsory coursework. This will be planned around their exams to avoid any clashes and will be communicated to students and added to Arbor in due course. Students studying Art, Graphics and Photography are strongly encouraged to continue working in the school facilities and studio space during this period as they are expected to continue to work on coursework.

As part of this formal exam process students will be required to do the following:

- Wear normal business dress as on a regular school day; this includes their lanyard.
- Have all equipment in a clear, see-through pencil case or plastic bag.
- Ensure any water bottles are see-through and have any labels removed.
- Ensure all mobile devices are switched off, placed in bags and bags placed out of reach.
- Follow all instructions given by their teacher or invigilator.

In preparation for the exams, students will work with their form tutor to create a revision timetable to support them in planning their revision time. Subject teachers are setting structured revision tasks on Arbor for students to complete independently in study periods and at home.

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Progression support

During this term students will engage in several activities to support their progression beyond the Sixth Form. They have already participated in the final round of Career Pathway Talks which have given them an insight into a variety of careers and job sectors. The individual careers appointments will continue throughout this term, providing every student with the opportunity to discuss their progression plans with one of our Careers Advisers.

In addition, students will start the process of university application by registering with UCAS. We encourage all students to engage with this process as it keeps their options open, even if they are currently not considering pursuing a university route when they leave school. Students will also engage in the Progression Days where they will hear about university options and the process for apprenticeship applications, as well as hearing from some recent alumni. Before the end of the year, all students will write a draft of a personal statement or complete structured apprenticeship / employment-related activities in readiness for making applications in Year 13.

In the final half term, students can attend university open days. We will authorise up to 4 absences for this purpose. A visit to both the University of Oxford and University of Cambridge have been arranged for those considering this pathway. These trips are offered due to the unique nature of applications to these universities. The number of places will be limited, and more details will be shared shortly.

Work Experience Week: Monday 13 July – Friday 17 July

The final week of the term is set aside for work experience. The majority of students have now secured placements for this week. We understand that it can be challenging to source a placement in particular industries, and therefore if this is proving to be a challenge, students can instead complete a virtual work experience placement during the week of the 13 July. Please use the following link to download the [virtual work experience guide](#) to explore these valuable opportunities.

Key dates

Tuesday 12 May	UCAS registration in Progression
Friday 5 June	End of year exams begin
Monday 8 June	Home study period begins
Monday 22 June	Students return to lessons in school (except where an exam is taking place)
Tuesday 23 June	End of year exams finish
Wednesday 1 July	Progression Day 1 in School
Thursday 2 July	Progression Day 2 at home to draft personal statement or complete structured apprenticeship / employment tasks
Friday 3 July	Training Day – no school
Friday 10 July	Final day in school
Monday 13 July	Work experience week

If you have any further questions or wish to discuss further support, please contact Mrs Ingleton ingletonc@hgs.rkft.co.uk.

Yours sincerely



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