

April 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian

I am writing to inform you of the arrangements for all Year 11 students as they enter into the final month before the GCSE examinations commence. We will be updating students throughout the coming weeks, but I thought it would be helpful and beneficial if you had an overview at this stage.

Exam information

Until Friday 24 May 2019, all lessons continue as normal (except where students are in an exam). It is vital that students maintain a good level of attendance to gain the maximum benefit from lessons where the focus will be exam practice and techniques, as well as revision. If students have completed all exams in a particular subject, they will be allowed to revise for other subjects in those lessons. Students should also be revising at home, using work from the past two years and packages issued in school, as well as material on the internet as directed by teachers.

From Monday 3 June 2019, **a revised timetable will be in place and students are expected to attend relevant sessions until they have completed the final exam in that subject. Places to revise will be also available when students are in school but no longer need to attend a particular lesson. Normal expectations about behaviour, conduct and uniform will, of course, still apply.**

On **Exam days**, students should arrive at the scheduled warm-up session in plenty of time with the correct equipment for that subject, including: pens; pencils; rulers; and calculators. They must be in full uniform. All other exam information will be posted on the exams noticeboard in A corridor as well as on the VLE.

For students wanting **extra support**, our intensive programme of intervention and revision classes continues. There are sessions before and after school, as well as 'The Study Room' being open every morning at 07:45 and after school until 16:45, for quiet independent study. There will also be sessions running during the second week of the **Easter holidays**. The timetable for these sessions can be found through the school newsletter and website. Additionally, there will be a programme over May half-term, which will be released the week commencing Monday 20 May, through the school newsletter and website.

Additional information

Thursday 23 May 2019 is the date of our Awards Assembly, which will include a celebration of the achievements of all students as well as an opportunity to award prizes including the John Dennis Award. This will take place at 14:30 in the main hall. School will finish at the normal time of 15:15.

Friday 21 June 2019 is the date for the Prom starting at 19:00. This will be held at Romanby Golf & Country Club and I hope students can join us for this special event.

Tuesday 25 and Wednesday 26 June 2019 are Bridging Days for students who have applied to return to our sixth form. As part of this two-day event, students will have the opportunity to gain an insight to life in the sixth form, as well as a look ahead to university. More details regarding bridging day will be released nearer the time.

Thursday 22 August 2019 is GCSE results day and registration day for the sixth form. Students (and/or parents) will be able to collect their results from 09:00. If that is not possible for you, please ask your son/daughter to go to the Exams Office before their final exam to make alternative arrangements. After students have collected their results, they will be able to register for their sixth form courses. Staff will be available at that time to offer advice if results have gone better than expected or not as well. More details about registration day will be issued nearer the time.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like any further information about any of this. I am sure you will be encouraging your son/daughter to plan and follow a revision timetable carefully which includes some time away from studying. This can be a stressful time for students so please let us know if you have any concerns. Finally, may I thank you for your support throughout the time your son/daughter has studied at Northallerton School & Sixth Form College. I wish them every success in the forthcoming exams and beyond.

Yours faithfully,
Mr T Bunn
Head of Year 11

