

THE WEY VALLEY SCHOOL

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Year 11 examination season and beyond

Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the GCSE examinations season I am writing to remind you of key dates as well as expectations and requirements regarding the examinations.

Can I please remind parents that, unlike some schools, students **ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND SCHOOL EVERY DAY UNTIL THEIR FINAL EXAMINATION**. After May half term students will have a special timetable linked to each of their examinations as they occur. Historically some schools in the area have had a situation where students are not required to come in for lessons after May half term– this is not the case at Wey Valley as experience has shown this to have had a poor effect on grades. Please ensure that your child is attending fully right up to their final examination. Please note, however, that from Monday 4th June year 11 students may attend school in their own clothes for revision lessons - please note, they must be in **FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM** for their actual **GCSE** examination sessions.

Please find below essential information about the examination protocols

Students should arrive on time for registration thus preventing unnecessary telephone calls home

Students need to bring the correct equipment – the school has a limited amount of equipment to lend out

- Students should bring a calculator to the calculator maths exam and other maths equipment to **all** maths exams
- Students should bring a calculator to **all** science exams
- Students should bring their own coloured pencils where requested (eg Film Studies and D&T exams)

Students ill on the day of an exam

- Contact the school as soon as possible
- Take them to the doctors and ask for an evidentiary letter for the school to forward to the exam boards – **without this students will receive no marks**
- **If a student becomes unwell during the exam they must notify one of the invigilators in the room**



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Students late for an exam

- Contact the school as soon as possible so that we know that the student is on their way
- Once in school go to reception where the exams officer will come to take you to the exam room
- **If students are over 1 hour late they will not be allowed to take the exam**

Students mobiles and watches

- Mobiles and watches are not allowed in the exam room, they should be left in their bags or at home

Students must wear their school uniform for every exam

- Failure to wear school uniform could result in the student not being able to sit their exam
- Please take out piercings and take off jewellery

Students and malpractice

- Students should not talk to anyone other than an invigilator during an exam
- Students should face forwards at all time
- Students should not make unnecessary noise
- Students should stay sat up and not lay on the table, invigilators may think that the student is unconscious

Students leaving the exams rooms

- Students should leave the exam area quietly as there may be other students still sitting the exam in another room

Lastly if anyone loses their exam timetable they should come and see Mrs M Ashmore, exams officer, for another copy. My door is always open if a student needs to speak to me about any issues that may arise.

The exams begin on Monday 14 May and lessons continue as normal, other than when students are in an exam. Other dates are as follows:

- Saturday 26 May to Sunday 3 June inclusive is half-term holiday. Students return on 4 June
- Last day of school for Year 11 students Friday 22 June. All students to attend full time every day before this date. Leavers ceremony for students and parents at 11.30am on this day.
- Monday 25 June study leave begins. From this date onwards students need only attend for examinations – however lessons will still run in those subjects where they have yet to complete an examination.
- Friday 13 July School Prom – The Sailing Academy
- GCSE results day Thursday 23 August 2018. The school will open from 10.00am to 12 noon for collection

Examination Boards

Please find below the list of which examination boards each subject is following. We hope this will help you when purchasing revision materials. Examination boards themselves also have support materials on their websites. All appropriate revision guides are available at cost price through the school Wisepay system. Please also encourage your son or daughter to use their GCSE Pod for revision, the materials on this are board specific to us.

English Language **AQA 8700**
English Literature **AQA 8702**
Mathematics **PEARSON 1MA1**
Biology Top sets **AQA 8461**
Chemistry Top Sets **AQA 8462**
Physics Top Sets **AQA 8463**
Science Every but top sets **AQA 8464**

Art **AQA 8201**
Art Graphics **AQA 8203**
Art Photography **AQA 8206**
Computer Science **OCR J276**
Dance - GCSE **AQA 8236**
Dance - BTEC **PEARSON BRH05**
Electronic Products **AQA 45401**
Film Studies **WJEC 0155**
French **AQA 8658**
German **AQA 8668**
Geography **PEARSON 1GB0**
History **PEARSON 1H10**

Hospitality **WJEC 474**

ICT **PEARSON 2IT01**
Music - BTEC **PEARSON BRH07**
PE - GCSE **AQA 8582**

PE - BTEC **PEARSON BRH09**

Product Design **AQA 45551**
Spanish **AQA 8698**
Textiles **AQA 45701**

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I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of Year 11 the very best in their coming examinations. I sincerely hope that they will take up every opportunity on offer for support and revision. I would like to thank all parents and carers for their support in ensuring that students revise at home and take care of themselves with good sleep and nutrition patterns.

With warmest wishes



Ms S Adams
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