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Thursday 26 May 2022

Dear Parents / Carers

IMPORTANT UPDATE FOR ALL YEAR 11 STUDENTS AND PARENTS

Further to my letter dated 6 May, I am writing with an update that will impact on all Year 11 students and families with effect **from Monday 6 June**.

As we approach the half way stage of the exams, students will gradually complete exams for each subject and will want to be able to commit time and focus to their remaining exams. Due to the disruption of the past two years we had planned to keep students in school longer but recognise that they are now ready for the more flexible and independent approach offered to previous years. In discussion with senior staff and by listening to the views of a range of Year 11 students, we are making an amendment to the information we originally shared with you.

The majority of our Year 11 students have spoken with us how they feel that they are now ready for their exams and want to simply 'get on' with the revision for their next examination, rather than preparing for an exam that may be 1 or 2 weeks away. They have also shared with us that they would feel more comfortable doing this from home. Students will still be able to contact their class teachers via Teams for any support or last-minute questions that they may have.

As a result of this mature attitude to learning, preparation, discussion and consultation, the school has decided that:

- I. **From Monday 6 June until Monday 27 June, students will only need to attend school for their examinations.** Therefore, all teaching of Year 11 students will end on Friday 27 May 2022.
As I mentioned earlier, every student has been given an individualised exam timetable and they must use this to help them plan when they must attend school, considering travel time etc.,
 - a) They must be present at least 15 minutes before the start time of the exam.
 - b) All students will gather in the main dining room, where a member of staff will register them; greet and calmly move them into their examination room.
 - c) All students must arrive in full school uniform and with all the correct equipment that they will need for that exam. At the end of the exam, all students will be expected to leave the school site.
 - d) Where any student has an examination in the morning and afternoon sessions, a room will be provided and supervised by a member of staff for them to complete final preparations for their exam and also to allow them to have lunch on site.
 - e) If a student knows that they will be late, due to an unforeseen issue, such as a traffic incident or family issue, then they **MUST** phone the school on 01782 883000 and advise Mrs Skinner of this.

If you require this information in a different format, please contact the school.



If a student wishes to revise on the school site:

Where any student wishes to attend school to revise for their exams, we have created a supervised silent revision space in the school library in this instance. Should any student wish to do this, they **must** do the following because of safeguarding your child:

1. Inform me by email that they wish to do this with the days and dates that they wish to do this. My email address is: pjohnson@smwca.org.uk
2. Attend and leave at the normal times of the school day. Students will not be allowed to leave the site during the day.
3. Bring the revision that they are doing with them.
4. Follow the normal school rules in relation to all aspects of school life.

This space is being created for students to concentrate in silence on their own. It is important to share that should any student abuse this space, then parents will be contacted, the student will be sent home and this offer will be withdrawn for them.

A reminder about the collection of GCSE and BTEC results

All Year 11 students are invited to collect their GCSE and Level 2 BTEC results on **Thursday 25 August**. Students may arrive at school at 8.55 am until 10.30 am. Students will be able to collect their results in person from 9.00 am on this day.

It is important to note that:

- Students will be collecting their results from the main dining room.
- All students will need to sign to state that they have collected their results.
- Results cannot and will not be handed out to parents or siblings without prior arrangement and written confirmation from the student with Mrs Skinner, our exams officer. A form will be issued to students at a later date just in case this is an issue.
- This is also the day for all students to enrol at the Trinity Sixth Form and it is essential that any student who intends to enrol must speak with a member of the enrolling team during the morning.
- We will also have a careers advisor on hand to speak with any student should they wish to.

May I thank you, once again, for your continued support in ensuring that we can do the very best possible for your child. We wish all of our Year 11 students good fortune for the remaining exams, and we will continue to hold each and every young person in our prayers.

If you have any questions about anything contained in this letter, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Van der Mijl (kvandermijl@smwca.org.uk) or myself on 01782 883000 or by email at: pjohnson@smwca.org.uk

Yours faithfully



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Vice Principal

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