

5 May 2023

Dear Students Parents and Carers

Year 11

As we approach the Year 11 examination season, we would like to offer our encouragement and support as we know that this is an incredibly important time for you all. We are encouraging students to take advantage of all of the revision and intervention sessions that are taking place in school. Teaching staff are using their recent assessments to pinpoint gaps in knowledge to ensure that students can be as successful as possible [click here](#) for a reminder of what is on offer each week.

[Click here](#) to view our examination information together with links to past papers and guidance

We also have access to a new programme from [Tute](#) that focuses on last minute revision which is free to us to use. The sessions become live the night before key examinations.

The GCSE examinations run from 15 May until 21 June with some exams like speaking exams happening before this date. Exam boards have said that students should be available until 30 June in case of contingency. Students have been given copies of their own individual examination timetables which they should check carefully. It is important that you let us know by 15 May if there are any discrepancies with your entries.

Arrangements for the Summer Examinations 2022

Students should aim to arrive in school for 8:30am during the examination period. This is to ensure that they have time to check where they are sitting and that they have everything they need. Students will be expected to be sat in the hall with their equipment ready in correct uniform for 8:45am so that we can ensure that they enter the exam room swiftly for a prompt start at 9:00am. In the afternoon students should return to the dance studio steps for 12:45pm and follow the same procedure so that they are ready to begin their exam at 1:00pm.

It is really important that students adhere to the examination regulations. Failing to do so could result in them having all of their papers cancelled.

Key points from the JCQ regulations are outlined below

1. Be on time for all your exams. If you are late, your work might not be accepted.
2. Do not become involved in any unfair or dishonest practice during the exam.
3. If you try to cheat, or break the rules in any way, you could be disqualified from all your subjects.
4. You must not take into the exam room:
 - a. notes;
 - b. an iPod/mobile phone/MP3/4 player or similar device or a watch.

Remember:

Possession of unauthorised material is breaking the rules, even if you do not intend to use it, and you will be subject to penalty and possible disqualification.

5. If you have a watch, the invigilator will ask you to hand it to them.
6. Do not use correcting pens, fluid or tape, erasable pens, highlighters or gel pens in your answers.

7. Do not talk to or try to communicate with, or disturb other candidates once the exam has started.
8. You must not write or draw offensive or obscene material.
9. If you leave the exam room unaccompanied by an invigilator before the exam has finished, you will not be allowed to return.
10. Any pencil cases taken into the exam room must be see-through/clear and students must remove labels from any drink bottles.

The full guidance can be found [here](#).

Students are expected to attend school as normal throughout the examination period. In addition to their timetabled lessons, there will be morning drop-in sessions that will take place from 8:00am and additional support sessions in advance of their examinations.

For information regarding focus sessions and exams [click here](#).

We know that examination periods can be stressful for everyone and we would like to offer support with this. [Here](#) is a link to some help and advice.

We have arranged the following workshops in school:-

Sleep Hygiene:	Parental workshop on 9 May 3:30-4:30pm
Sleep Hygiene:	Student workshop on 15 May during the school day
Mental Health Awareness:	Student workshop on 26 June during the school day

We are also looking at ways in which we can support students with anxiety in school. If you think this is something that would be helpful to you. Please email Miss S Wootton sharon.wootton@jws.bham.sch.uk.

Results Day

Thursday 24 August 2023. We will be sending further information regarding the arrangements separately.

Finally, we wish all of our students every success with their forthcoming examinations.

Please do not hesitate to contact Miss S Wootton, Mr S Foster or Mrs C Halford if you need any further information.

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Yours faithfully

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