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Year 11 Examinations

Dear parent/carer,

I wanted to take the opportunity to write to you to explain the arrangements for the year 11 examinations which start on **Thursday 2nd May 2024**.

Exam Access Arrangements

All students will take their examinations in the Sports Hall. The only exception to this is those students who qualify for a scribe or laptop. These students will have separate invigilation arrangements and will take their examinations in room EX1. Students who qualify for this will already be aware of their entitlement to additional support.

Exam attendance

Attendance for **all** examinations is essential. **Students will not be able to re-sit any missed exams.**

Morning & Afternoon Exam Start Times & Pre-Examination Briefings

Below is a table of when morning and afternoon examinations are scheduled to start. To support and prepare students we hold pre-examination briefings just prior to the scheduled start times. These sessions allow subject leaders to pass on key reminders to students, ensuring important information is fresh in their minds. It also allows for a period of calm and focus prior to the exam. Stress and anxiety around examinations is natural and we want to support students in the best way. Therefore, attending these sessions is extremely important.

	Morning Examinations	Afternoon Examinations
Pre-examination Briefing: Little Theatre	08:45	12:50
Scheduled Examination start time	09:15	13:15

Punctuality is key; once a pre-examination briefing has started, no late students will be admitted to the room. This is to keep disruption to a minimum. Any student who misses the start of the morning session will be marked as late to school.

Lunch Time Arrangements

Year 11 students will have an amended lunch sitting during the examination period. Lunch for them will take place at 12:20, for 30 minutes. Students will be able to access the canteen, toilets and picnic area. As the remainder of the school will be in lessons, other areas of the school will not be accessible at this time.

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Afternoon Examinations

Please note that the scheduled finish time for some examinations may go beyond the school day. Under JCQ guidance, no student can be released from an examination early. It is important that those students who use public transport or have regular caring responsibilities for younger siblings, ensure that alternative transport or caring arrangements are put in place.

The scheduled end time of afternoon exams are as follows and pupils in those exams will be dismissed at the approximate times indicated below:

Date	Exam	Approx. end time
Thursday 2 nd May	Digital Information Technology	2.45pm
Monday 13 th May	Sports Studies	2.30pm
Thursday 16 th May	Religious Education	3.00pm
Friday 17 th May	Geography	2.45pm
Wednesday 22 nd May	Physical Education	2.15pm
Half Term		
Monday 3 rd June	Physical Education	2.15pm
Tuesday 4 th June	History	3.15pm
Wednesday 5 th June	Statistics	3.00pm
Friday 7 th June	Biology	3.00pm
Friday 7 th June	Biology (Trilogy)	2.30pm
Friday 14 th June	Physics	3.00pm
Friday 14 th June	Physics (Trilogy)	2.30pm

Equipment

It is essential that students bring the correct equipment to **all** examinations. Please support your child by ensuring that before they leave home, they have with them:

- 2 black pens (minimum)
- 2 pencils
- Rubber
- Ruler
- Protractor
- Compass
- Scientific Calculator
- Coloured pens or highlighters (this helps students pick out key words from the exam paper)

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Revision

As a reminder, it is important that students revise at home. Please ask to see your child's revision materials for each subject. If they can't show you, there is every chance they haven't done any. If this is the case, please sit with them and oversee them completing it. By now, year 11 students should be doing 30 minutes per subject each night (2 – 3 subjects a night).

Students should be using our revision strategy of Note It, Map It, Quiz It, which really makes the students think whilst revising and therefore is a much more effective method than reading through their notes. You can find a copy of the strategy on the website (<https://netherstowe.staffs.sch.uk/students/revision/>) along with links to other resources.

Students should prioritise resources from which to revise as follows:

1. iPads - the most important source of information from which the student should be revising. It includes key facts and examples of how to answer exam questions.
2. Asking class teachers for help, guidance and support.
3. Making use of websites or apps identified by class teachers - These are shared throughout lessons with students in different subject areas.

Study Leave

Study leave will begin on Tuesday 11th June 2024. Students still need to attend school for their timetabled examinations and any revision support sessions which will be scheduled.

Celebration Assembly

Students will have the opportunity to celebrate their time at Nether Stowe during a celebration assembly which will take place on Thursday 20th June at 2pm.

If you have any queries or questions which relate to the upcoming examinations, please do not hesitate to get in contact with me via email rjones@netherstowe.com

Yours faithfully,

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