

10 May 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 Study Leave:

After carefully looking at how the examinations fall this year and what we believe will most support pupils to get the best outcomes we have decided that Year 11 study leave will begin on Monday 4 June. Therefore normal timetabled lesson will continue up until 25 May. On Monday 4 June, and onwards, we will only expect Year 11 pupils to be in the Academy for their examinations and associated examination preparation sessions; this includes **attending lessons in subjects where examinations are still to be taken.**

Examination Preparation Sessions:

Before every Year 11 examination there will be an Examination Preparation Session. During these sessions pupils will be provided with crucial last minute advice and guidance. Obviously all the required content needs to have been learnt previously through revision, but these preparation sessions are excellent for reminding pupils of key points, do's and don'ts, how to manage their time, which questions are compulsory, particular points that the examiners are looking for and so forth. If the examination is in the morning then the preparation session will run from 8:30am – 9:15am. The proper examination will start at 9:30am. If the examination is in the afternoon then the examination preparation session will run from 12:00pm – 12:50pm. The examination will start at 1:30pm. All preparation session will take place in that subject faculty area.

A few practicalities:

- Equipment – pens- must be black (calculator essential for Maths & Science)
- Mobile phones and smart watches are strictly prohibited and must be surrendered
- Pupils must be in Academy Uniform for all examinations
- Punctuality is essential – pupils must be on time for every examination. This shouldn't be a problem as pupils will have attended the preparation session prior to every exam.

Celebration BBQ:

It has become our tradition to have a celebratory BBQ following the last big examination when the whole year group is in the Academy. This will take place on Friday 15 June following the Science examination. If pupils bring a spare shirt then we are happy for the signing of shirts to take place at this event. However, pupils will not be allowed to write on shirts that are being worn. We would welcome any donations of jumpers and ties that are in good condition so we can support younger pupils when they are in need.

Results day: Thursday 23 August:

Pupils can collect their results in the Atrium from 9:30am until 11:30am. If you need to make alternative arrangements for the collection of your child's results please contact our examinations office on 01536 741857 extension 7225.

Message from the Principal to Year 11 pupils:

I wanted to offer a few words of encouragement as you prepare for these important exams. Only you are in charge of your future, you can be just about anything that you put your desires and energies towards. Our country and economy are desperate for talented young people to be our future doctors, nurses, teachers, lawyers, scientists, pilots, police officers, constructions workers, engineers, business entrepreneurs and so on. Why should that not be you, Kingswood pupils from Corby in Northamptonshire? The only thing that will stop you being what you want to be, and enjoying the career you aspire to do, is you. And what a fantastic position to be in. You know that if you make some relatively small sacrifices now then the future is whatever you want it to be. Is it too much to give a couple of hours a night in the week, and four hours a day on the weekends to revise, knowing that you are making your future come true?

The revision materials, past papers, mark schemes and specifications are all on the website (I've checked!). The revision guides have been bought, and in some cases provided for you. The revision classes are running after school and in the holiday. The only thing now is for you to use, or to keep using, them. Even now it is not too late to start revising and completing the past papers.

You are an incredibly talented group of young adults and great things await you in the future if you work for them now. Make your family proud, but most importantly do it for you. Go on, make it happen.

Yours faithfully

Mr A Burton
Principal

Mr J Lawson
Deputy Principal