

10 May 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 Study Leave and Examination Preparation Sessions:

After carefully looking at how the examinations fall this year and what we believe will support pupils to get the best outcomes, we have decided that all Year 11 pupils will **remain in normal lessons until the May holiday, starting on 24 May**. From Monday 3 June, all year 11 pupils must attend lessons in subjects where examinations are still to be taken and they must attend the associated preparation session for prior to each exam. 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 14 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 22 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 guides and associated workbooks are key for you to use in your independent preparation, along with past papers and other revision materials provided by teachers. The Revision Planner provided by Mr Lawson is also a huge help to you in organising your time effectively.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Burton'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping 'A' and a long, horizontal stroke at the end.

**Mr A Burton
Principal**