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Y11 Arrangements over the Exam Period

Dear parent / carer,

As we approach the start of GCSE examinations I would like to share with you the arrangements which will be in place to support your son/daughter at this important time in their education. The first GCSE examination (German) will take place on Thursday 8th May and the last exams will be on Wednesday 18th June. Depending on their subject choices each student will have a different exam timetable, a copy of which they received in February.

Every student at Crossley Heath will benefit from three aspects of support during their exam period:

1. Flexibility to have some study time at school or at home to prioritise their own revision in the style they learn best.
2. Exam boosters which are compulsory one-hour lessons (some in person and some online) in the 24 hours before each exam to ensure the most important knowledge and skills are revisited, to aid time prioritisation for different subjects and to check on students' wellbeing.
3. Exam briefings which are 15-minute pre-exam coaching sessions to reinforce exam technique, then send students into the exam positively.

Therefore, following the celebration assembly Friday 9th May, Y11 students will begin their exam study period. During this time students only need to attend school for any exams that they have and for relevant Exam Boosters in the subjects they study. During this time students may organise their own study at home and are also welcome to study in school in the Sixth Form Café in the dining room.

Exam Boosters: Attendance is compulsory for all students unless the Booster clashes with an exam. Registers will be taken. Some Boosters will take place in person in school and some will be online via Teams. To aid students' planning I have attached an overview showing when exams are and when the Boosters will take place. This schedule has also been shared directly with students.

Exam briefings: before each exam students will be given a short, focused exam briefing, delivered by subject expert teachers and giving key reminders and tips before students head into the exam. The exam briefings will take place in the school hall at 8:30 for morning exams and 12:45 for afternoon exams.

Before every exam students should:

- Ensure they are wearing the correct uniform and bring the correct equipment for the exam before leaving home.
- Arrive in plenty of time. Students may use the Old Boys' Gym to revise.
- We are providing a free breakfast (hot drink and hash brown or toast) from 8:00-8:20 for all of our Y11 students.

After an exam:

- Students may leave site after a morning exam. Any student wishing to stay in school (either because they have a PM exam or because they want to stop in school to study) is welcome.

They will be asked to sign in with the teacher in the Sixth Form Café in the main school building.

- Any student registered as being in school who leaves site before 3:10, must go via reception to be signed out.
- Some students stopping in school may have a Booster for a forthcoming exam scheduled. Where this is online, we will make IT facilities available for those remaining in school.

Year 11 Celebration:

After the English booster session on the morning of Friday 9th May a Y11 Celebration assembly will be held in the school hall, led by Mr Smith. The assembly will be a celebration of the year group and a reward for the work done for exams. The assembly will be followed by an opportunity for the traditional shirt signing which marks graduation from Y11, after which students may leave site for home study.

Revision support:

The school has a dedicated revision website: <https://www.crossleyheath.org.uk/student-zone/revision-and-exam-support> which is accessible to students and parents and provides links to the most useful revision resources for each subject. In addition, the website also contains a copy of the exams and booster schedule. These resources are further supplemented by the wealth of materials your son/daughter will be able to access via Teams.

Finally, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support. The amazing grades Crossley Heath students go on to achieve can only be done with the dedicated support from those at home.

Yours faithfully,

Jonathan Brownlie
Associate Headteacher