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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 (Religious Studies) will take place on Thursday 9th May and the last exams will be on Wednesday 19th June. Depending on their subject choices each student will have a different exam timetable, a copy of which they received in February. Later this week we will be sending out an updated copy of their individual timetables which will include exam venue information.

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 first whole cohort exam (Biology) on the morning of 10th 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 and facilities will be made available for this.

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 already been shared 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 remain seated at the end of the exam so their names can be noted for fire register purposes and students will be notified of where the designated study space is (library or old boys' gym typically).
- Any student registered as being in school who leaves site before 3:10, **must go via reception** to be signed out.
- Some students 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 exam on the morning of Thursday 23rd May a Y11 Celebration assembly will be held in the school hall, led by Mr Charlesworth. 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 a Y11 picnic and an opportunity for the traditional shirt signing which marks graduation from Y11, after which students may leave site for home study.

Revision support:

In March we launched our dedicated revision website: www.crossleyheath.org.uk/revision This is accessible to students and parents and provides links to the most useful revision resources for each subject. In addition, the website also contains wellbeing advice, tips on what makes effective revision and 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

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