

9th May 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

As we have begun our examination period today, we would like to extend our best wishes to all our Year 11 students. These exams mark a significant milestone, and we are confident that the dedication and preparation your children have shown will lead to excellent results.

Important Reminders for Exam Days:

- **Exams Timetable:** Please ensure your child checks their exams timetable for the date and time of their exams. Students will need to be lined up by 8:50am for morning exams and 1:00pm for afternoon exams. It is vital that students are punctual and present for all their exams as the date and time cannot be changed. Please note, any students that are absent or refuse to sit the paper, will not have another opportunity to do so and any students arriving late (after the exam has started) may be reported to the exam board.
- **Essential Equipment:** Please ensure your child brings all the necessary equipment for their exams each day. This includes pens, pencils, erasers, calculators (if permitted), and any other specific items required for their subjects. Being well-prepared is crucial to avoid any unnecessary stress on the day of the exam.
- **Unauthorised Material:** We need to remind you of the strict regulations regarding unauthorised material such as mobile phones, watches, headphones and other technological we enabled sources, during exams. Last year, we had three unfortunate incidents where students were disqualified from their GCSEs or A-Levels due to either having their phone on their person or because a phone was left switched on in a bag. To ensure compliance with exam regulations:
 - Phones must be completely switched off and stored in your child's bag. This includes any other unauthorised materials.
 - You may wish to consider advising your child to leave their phone at home on exam days to avoid any risk of rule violations.

Further information on JCQ regulations and other exams information can be found by clicking on this link:
<https://arthurterry.bham.sch.uk/students/exam-information/>

Clash Arrangements

Please note, there is a clash on the following dates. Students with a clash will sit both papers back-to-back in accordance with JCQ regulations.

Thursday 9th May (AM): RS and BTEC Sport. Students will sit their RS exam first followed by BTEC Sport.

Monday 10th June (PM): Spanish (Writing) and iMedia. Students will sit Spanish first followed by iMedia. **As both exams are scheduled in the afternoon, this will be a late finish for those students with a clash.**

Technical Notice Regarding Student iPads:

We have recently experienced a technical issue with the company managing the students' iPads. As a precaution, we recommend that students download any essential revision material to another device or save it in their OneDrive. This will ensure that these resources are accessible from any device, should further technical difficulties arise.

Post-Exam Procedures:

Please note, if an afternoon exam finishes after 2pm, students will leave the school site immediately following their exam.

Once again, we are incredibly proud of what our students have accomplished and look forward to celebrating their successes. Good luck to all, and remember, we are all cheering for them!

Warm regards

The Year 11 Team