

6th May 2022

GCSE Exams

Dear Parent / Carer,

Thank you for all your ongoing support at this critical time for Year 11. Please note the following key information and updates.

Exam Dates

The main exam season starts on **Monday 16th May and continues until Wednesday 29th June**. There are no exams during Half Term (Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May). There are exams however on **Monday 6th June and Tuesday 7th June – the two days after half term**. These days are staff training days when the school is closed to most other students. Year 11 must be in if they have an exam, however. If any parent has booked a holiday abroad for a student that covers these training days they must make arrangements to change these bookings so their child can attend their exams.

Please be aware that there is a national exam contingency day on Wednesday 29th June. In the unlikely circumstance that an exam has to be rescheduled by the exam board they will take place on any date up to and including this date. As such, please do not make any holiday plans for your child until after this date.

Exam timetables

Students have been issued with individual timetables for their exams, which they must check carefully, and highlight any errors without delay. The full exam timetable is also up on KAA Online for students to check, and is attached to this letter for reference. Please note that a small number of exams have changed since the draft publication of the exam timetable in the Autumn, [changes are highlighted](#).

During the Exam Period

Students will be expected in school **wearing full uniform** if they have an exam, masterclass or revision session. If students do not have any of the above, they are permitted to work from home. After an exam finishes students will be allowed to go home early. However, the library will be available for students to work in if they choose to (for silent, independent study only). Each evening students will receive an email from Ms Bates and Ms Chauhan outlining the exams or revision sessions they are expected to attend the following day. Therefore it is crucial that students check their email every day.

For morning exams, students must be in school by **8:30am**. They should go immediately to the theatre for a masterclass and their exams will start at 9:00am. For afternoon exams, students **must** be in school by **1:20pm**. They should go immediately to the theatre for a masterclass and their exam will begin at 2:00pm (please note, exams **cannot start later than this** - so students must be in school well before this time). When not at school for exams or revision sessions, students should be preparing for their next exams by revising at home. Students have access to revision resources on google classroom. You can also find specific revision advice on the [Y11 revision website](#).

Exam guidelines

The [JCQ exam guidance sheet](#) is attached to this letter, please ensure you have read through this carefully with your child to reinforce the exam expectations. One particular area to note relates to mobile phones and smart watches. These are banned in exams and students caught with a mobile or smartwatch in their possession are at risk of failing all of their exams, even if the device is not in use. In terms of exam equipment, it is the student's responsibility to ensure they have correct equipment for each exam. We will not necessarily be able to lend out equipment on exam days. All exam equipment should be contained in a clear pencil case, as these are the only type permitted in exams. Any bottles of water taken into exams must be transparent and have the labels removed from them. The exam boards produce these guidelines and KAA has no control over invigilators' application of the rules or the resulting impact if rules are broken.

Post exam period

Once exams finish on Wednesday 29th June, Year 11 are of course, not expected back in school. We are holding a celebration assembly on Thursday 7th July, followed by the prom in the evening. Please purchase student tickets (£20) for the prom on Parent Pay. Additionally we are producing a Year 11 yearbook (£10) which is also available for students to buy from Parent Pay.

GCSE results day takes place on **Thursday 25th August 2022**. Students will be able to collect their results at the academy from 9.00am. **If for any reason students are unable to collect their results in person, they must inform us in advance** by completing this short google form ([linked here](#)). Results can be shared with students via email (official KAA student email only), or alternatively a parent or other family member can collect them on the student's behalf, if the school is informed beforehand - giving the name and relationship to the student. The family member will have to bring ID with them to collect the student's results.

For those that would like to attend KAA6 - and have met the entry requirements - they should then speak with a member of the senior leadership team and enrol onto the appropriate A level courses. Please note, KAA6 is heavily oversubscribed so enrolment must take place on results day, otherwise students are likely to lose their place. Our senior leaders and careers advisor will also be on hand to speak to students about their options at other sixth forms, colleges and apprenticeships. If students are enrolling at another school or college, they will be expected to go to this institution once they have collected their results and enrol there.

I wish all of our students the best of luck in their upcoming GCSE exams.

Yours sincerely,



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