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Year 11 GCSE Examinations – the final stages

The exam period will soon be upon us and I am therefore writing to give you details of the examination expectations and the support which students can make use of over this period.

GCSE Pod

GCSE Pod is our online revision system which the school has subscribed to. All students are encouraged to use it to revise. The GCSE Pod app can also be downloaded onto phones. Any students having difficulty accessing GCSE Pod should speak with Miss Brown.

The Newsome High School & Sports College POP Programme

The POP Programme is available to view on the school web site – use this link

<http://www.newsomehigh.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/2017-POP-Programme-complete-1.pdf>

POP stands for ‘Push On Pupils’ and is our bespoke revision support for all students. When we reach Friday May 12th, the POP Programme begins:

- Specific revision sessions have been put in to replace lessons once a subject has been fully examined and therefore has finished.
- Subject revision sessions have also been put in place immediately prior to an exam to give last minute support.
- The normal timetable continues for subjects which have yet to be examined.

We expect everyone who is involved in the exam to attend the subject revision sessions. Students will officially leave school on the day of their last examination.

On the day of an examination

The following conditions apply for all GCSE exams:

- Students must wear full and correct uniform
- Exams should be completed using a black pen
- Everyone meets in Laughter dining area for all exams
- Students must arrive for 8.45 am (morning exams), 1.00 pm (afternoon sessions)
- Electronic devices and mobile phones or i-watches must not be brought into the exam room
- Pens, pencils, ruler and calculator should be brought in a see through bag
- Water bottles are better if they have a sealed anti-spill top. Labels should be removed.

Misbehaviour in examinations

If we have to remove a student because their behaviour is causing distraction to others, a report has to be given to the exam board and it is likely that the paper will be disqualified. There is also a significant risk that all papers in the exam season will also be disqualified.

Illness on an exam day

If a student is ill on the day of an exam, you should ring school as soon as possible. **A doctor's note will be required** in order that we apply for special consideration. Usually the exam board will revert to using the school's estimated grades in such cases.

Dates for your diary

The leavers' assembly is to be held on Wednesday evening June 21st from 7.00 pm. This enjoyable evening is for students and parents to celebrate together.

The school prom is being held at the Meltham Golf Club on Friday June 30th. Tickets are available from Miss Carter at school.

Results day – from 10.00 am Thursday August 24th

We have high expectations for all our students this summer. With hard work, parent and teacher support coupled with self belief, students will achieve.

Together – we will succeed!

Best wishes

Phil Pearson
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