

19 April 2024

Y11 Exam Preparation

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you are aware, the summer exams are fast approaching, and students have been working hard in lesson with their final preparation. This letter outlines what happens with exam classes between now and May half term. A number of key dates and information are highlighted below:

- Students are expected to attend **all** lessons until **Friday 24th May (the final school day before May half term)**, unless they are in an exam. Please note, if the examinations have already been completed for this subject, the lesson may be given to private study so students will need to bring revision materials.
- From **Monday 3rd June 2024** (Upon our return from May half term), Y11 students are expected to attend **all** lessons where they **still** have examinations in the subject. Any Y11 students who no longer have an examination in a timetabled subject are not expected to attend and can leave site with parental permission.
- The deadline for reply slips is Friday 17th May 2024.
- Up to May half term (when all Y11s are expected to be in school), students are expected to attend registration as normal at 8.40am. After May half term, students will go directly to their period 1 lesson or to their exam, and do not need to attend registration.
- Should students choose to leave site, with your permission, please note we will not be staffing areas such as Bents Green at non-standard times (e.g., outside of lunchtimes) and so parents and carers are responsible for their child at this time.
- Please note, if parental permission is not granted (form attached at the bottom of this letter) students will be expected to attend all timetabled sessions as normal.
- For any student who has completed their examinations in a subject but wishes to remain on site, we will be providing study spaces for these students to access. Details of these will be shared with students when finalised. Students must only access these spaces and cannot freely wander the building as other lessons will be happening at this time.
- The Year 11 celebration assembly is scheduled for **Friday 24th May at 12:55pm**. There are no exams scheduled for the afternoon of May 24th so students will be allowed home following completion of this event.

Supporting students with exam stress and revision

We appreciate that this is a challenging time for students. In addition to advice students have been receiving from subject teachers during the year, there is a section of our website dedicated to supporting students <https://highstorrs.co.uk/our-school/support/students>.

You may also be interested in a session being offered by Kooth (a digital mental health support platform) which aims to support parents in helping their child manage exam stress. Sign-up for this is found here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdzCwZBLgkBAa0zO5_C3grLjWE9VGND8h7wbfODX4glgBOgLw/viewform

Additional support on revision and our one-page revision strategy guides can be found here under 'Exam preparation': <https://highstorrs.co.uk/learning/exams/exams>

To further support our students with their GCSE examinations being taken this year, we have put together a programme of 'revision booster' sessions that run until the end of the official exam season. These sessions share important last-minute prompts, reminders, and top exam tips from teachers. The schedule for these sessions will be shared with students and families soon.

As ever, thank you for your continued support. We know you will also be feeling the pressure at home too! If you need any further information about exams or revision sessions, please do contact the school through the enquiries address – hssenquiries@highstorrs-mlt.co.uk

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our Y11 students every success for their forthcoming examinations, it has been a pleasure to have supported them this year and see how hard they have worked. We remain ever confident of their future success!

Yours faithfully,



High Storrs School

Please return the reply slip to student reception

From Monday 3rd June 2024 when my child has completed all examinations in a subject, I do/do not (please delete as appropriate) give permission for my child to leave the High Storrs School site.

If you choose to consent to your child leaving site, you agree that you will be responsible for your child at this time.

Name of child: _____ Form group and house: _____

Name of parent/carer: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____