



Year 11 Parent's Examination Evening- key information

Thank you to those parents who attended the examination information session. Please see below a recap of the key information.

Exam Timetables

All students should have now received their exam timetables. They must check this carefully and inform the exams office if there are any queries.

Pre-Exam Commitment Sessions

These sessions will be the last, teacher led revision lessons before the exams. Sessions are 2.30-3.30pm. The normal commitment timetable will continue until this point.

Week	Date	Subject
B	Tuesday 9 th May	Science
	Wednesday 10 th May	Option B
	Thursday 11 May	RE (Students not taking RE to attend option C for targeted support)
A	Monday 15 th May	Biology
	Tuesday 16 th May	PE & Chemistry (Students not taking PE to attend Chemistry)
	Wednesday 17 th May	History and Geography (Students not taking History/ Geography to attend option E)
	Thursday 18 th May	Computer Science and Maths (Students not taking Computer Science to attend Maths)
B	Monday 22 nd May	French and RE Commitment
	Tuesday 23 rd May	Computer Science
	Wednesday 24 th May	Physics
A	Monday 5 th June	History
	Tuesday 6 th June	Maths
	Wednesday 7 th June	Geography and PE
	Thursday 8 th June	Biology
B	Monday 12 th June	Chemistry
	Tuesday 13 th June	Maths

Easter Commitment Sessions

During the Easter holidays we are running targeted sessions. Students invited to these sessions will have received a message and need to confirm their attendance.

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Pre exam breakfast- greet and eat

Breakfast will be provided free prior to every morning exam from Monday 15th May in the KS3 canteen from 8am. Staff will be available to offer support. Any students not wanting to join us for breakfast must be in college promptly at 8.40 for the start of each exam.

When do lessons finish?

Lessons will be continue as normal until Wednesday 14th June.

Revision is essential

Top tips

- Make a plan (there is a timetable in your revision pack),
- Ensure the learning environment is suitable- make a revision zone,
- Study in short bursts (20-30 minutes),
- Reduce distractions,
- Talk to your child about how they are revising and the techniques they have been taught- mind maps, flashcards, testing strategies, past papers,
- Make sure they are sleeping and eating well,
- Exam stress is normal but help with strategies to manage this.

The exam season will quickly be over and normal life will return.

Resources to help students prepare for exams and assessments

Ofqual has [published resources](#) aimed at helping young people through the exam period. There is a range of materials – guides, blogs and other documents – for students, teachers, parents and carers supporting them, to help manage exam pressure. These include:

[A guide for students on coping with exam pressure](#), developed with specialists from Liverpool John Moores University and a series of blogs written by a group of researchers and practitioners who work together through the University of Manchester's Institute of Education:

- [work to understand test anxiety](#)
- [a student perspective on feeling pressure about exams](#)
- [ways school staff can help students who are feeling anxious](#) and [advice for teachers](#) on how to adapt their ways of working to support students prepare for exams
- [managing the time between finishing exams and results being issued](#).

Emergencies

If your child is seriously ill and cannot attend an exam, then they MUST have a doctor's note to say they are unfit to attend.

Special consideration **MAY** then be taken.

Non-attendance at exams without a valid note will be charged and students will not get a grade.

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After Year 11

The Careers / MAP office is open for support from 8am – 4pm Monday to Friday. If students feel they need extra support, they can drop in to arrange this. Any student who has not yet applied or has changed their mind needs to email tdowey@minsthorpe.cc and we will support you with applications. Even if your child is interested in an apprenticeship, it's a good idea to have a back-up plan just in case. Support is available throughout the summer- phone the College to make an appointment.

Prom

We look forward to celebrating the end of the exam period at prom with students who have 94% attendance and a good behaviour record. The Deadline for tickets is Friday 28th April.

Results Day

GCSE Results Day will take place on **Thursday 24th August 2022**. Students need to come to site to collect their results or provide an addressed envelope for them to be posted. Parents are invited.

Contact

Should you require further information, please contact the exams team examsdata@minsthorpe.cc, Mrs Raistrick, Mrs McGowan or your child's teacher Enquiries@minsthorpe.cc.

Good Luck- hard work will be rewarded

We want to wish all out Y11 students every success in their exams. The next few months will not be easy but if they put in the hard work now, they will see the rewards on results day.

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