



## **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.

Please note: Students must attend all exams in full college uniform.

### **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.

	<b>Date</b>	<b>Commitment Sessions-2.45pm</b>
<b>Week A</b>	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Maths
	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Option B
	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Option E
<b>Week B</b>	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Maths
	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	RE and Option A
	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	French and Option C
<b>Week A</b>	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Geography
	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	History, RE, Computer Science
	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Maths
	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Science
<b>Week B</b>	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Computer Science and PE
	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Science
	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	English Language
	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	French
<b>Week A</b>	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Health and fitness and History
	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Geography, H&S care, I media
	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	English Language

### **Easter revision**

Students should be keeping up with their revision over Easter. All students have been given information regarding study links for every subject so please encourage them to use this.

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### **Pre exam breakfast- greet and eat**

Breakfast will be provided free prior to every morning exam from Friday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June. When students are not in an exam then they must be in normal lessons.

### **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. If your child is too unwell to attend on the day of the exam please contact the College asap.

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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](mailto: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 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

### **Results Day**

GCSE Results Day will take place on **Thursday 22nd August 2024**. 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](mailto:examsdata@minsthorpe.cc), Mrs Cunningham, Mrs McGowan or your child's teacher [Enquiries@minsthorpe.cc](mailto: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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