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Dear Parent/Carer

YEAR 11 FINAL ARRANGEMENTS – SUMMER EXAMINATIONS 2022

It goes without saying what a difficult and challenging year our Year 11 students have experience. However, we have persevered with resilience, and our Year 11 GCSE examinations have now started and a number of our students have already sat their MFL Speaking tests. The examinations continue from Monday 16 May. Our Year 11 students have been working very well in preparing for and completing their contingency assessments and their final GCSE examinations. They have responded well to support and intervention from their teachers. We remain very optimistic for them in their forthcoming examinations.

From now until the last exam, we are incredibly committed to supporting our students as much as we possibly can to ensure that they achieve success in their final examinations. Our website contains the most recent information from the DfE regarding the examinations and this has not, at the time of writing, changed since we last communicated with you. If there are any updates to the examination process before or after the examinations then we will communicate this with you.

The most important aspect regarding the examinations that we have stressed to our students is that the contingency assessments have not replaced the GCSE and vocational examinations. The contingency assessments were in place in case the GCSE examinations could not go ahead. Again, at the time of writing, it is looking certain that the GCSE examinations will go ahead as planned. Students must attend and complete their examinations. If they do not they may not achieve a grade in that subject. In this instance, the contingency assessments are not a 'fall-back' as the students are expected to sit their examinations as the DfE has outlined. If you have any specific queries surrounding this, please contact the Year 11 team or the examinations office. Having said this, as with examinations in 'normal' years, if your child is ill on the day of an examination you must contact the school as soon as possible to see what we can do in that instance to support your child on the day.

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What we can do to support your child will be very specific to the individual circumstances of your child on that day and we will always do what we can.

You will find attached to this letter an overview of support throughout the examination period. As you will see in the document, it is compulsory for our Year 11 students to attend school full time until the bulk of the main examinations are complete. From **Wednesday 15 June** students attend school for examinations and exam warm-ups only. Where detailed, the exam warm-ups are compulsory for students to attend.

Our Year 11 students are being given a final personalised copy of their examination timetable, which details rooming, and seat numbers prior to the exams starting. We will also hold a final examination briefing assembly to our Year 11 students so that they are clear of their expectations and the support in place.

We remain fully committed to supporting the health and wellbeing of all of our Year 11 students in the lead up to, and for the duration of the examinations and we have written to you regarding this before. As always, if you have any concerns or queries regarding your child please contact our Year 11 team who know our students best.

Please note the other information and key dates detailed below.

Examination Contingency Day: Wednesday 29 June 2022

Students must also be available on the GCSE Examination Contingency day on Wednesday 26 June to sit an exam should the examination board have need to rearrange an examination due to an emergency unforeseen circumstance (such as an examination paper being leaked online). We will inform you in advance during the examination period should this need to take place.

Return of Revision Guides

We very much hope that your child has found the revision guides that we gave out in Year 10 useful as part of their revision process. If your child's revision guides are in a reusable condition once the examinations are over and you have no use for them as a family anymore, we would very much appreciate them being returned to us so that we can use them with other students in school. They can be returned to Student Reception at any time once the examinations are over.

GCSE Results Day: Thursday 25 August 2022

9:30am - 10:30am

Year 11 students collect their GCSE results (School Assembly Hall)

If your child is unable to collect their results in person and wants someone else to do it on their behalf, they **must put this request in writing before the end of term**. The designated person will need to show some photo ID when they collect the results. Alternatively, we will post the results out to your home address. We look forward to seeing all of our Year 11 students again on this day and celebrating with them their excellent GCSE results.

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Key members of staff, our Year 11 team and our Sixth Form team will be available to our Year 11 students on GCSE results day should they need any further information, advice or guidance regarding enrolment to Jesmond Park Academy Sixth Form or their other chosen destination.

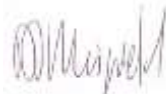
As we have said, our Year 11 students have demonstrated a good attitude towards their exam preparation. With continued effort in school and productive independent study at home after school, we are confident that they will do well. Your child's teachers will continue to support them throughout and until their final exam in each subject.

If you have any further questions or require any more information, please contact school by telephone: 0191 281 8486 or email: admin@jesmondparkacademy.org.uk and we will ensure that your query is directed to the most appropriate member of staff.

Yours faithfully



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