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Dear Parent/Carer

We hope that you had an enjoyable Easter break. As the summer examination period rapidly approaches, I wanted to get in touch to outline some of the details regarding these crucial last few weeks of your son/daughter's time here with us at The Dean Academy.

Year 11 GCSE Examination Revision

I have been so proud of the work that our Year 11 students have been putting into their revision thus far, both in school and independently and were thrilled to see so many at our Easter revision sessions. Over these coming weeks we will continue to work closely with you on supporting your son/daughter to achieve their potential in the GCSE exams. Given that for many subjects we know the key areas to focus upon due to the pre-release content, the importance of this self-study and preparation is all the more crucial. The period 6 timetable will now be collapsed, and students should liaise directly with their teachers to organise some 1:1 or small group revision sessions. The library will be made available to Year 11 students every Tuesday – Thursday until 5pm from now until the time the students leave.

School attendance until the end of the exam period

Students will be expected to attend school every day right up until the last whole cohort core exam. We know that the routine for coming to school every day and contact with their subject teachers allows them the best chance to perform well in these exams. This is especially important because these final weeks represent an opportunity to maximise learning time in school, particularly in light of the periods of lockdown and home learning that this cohort of students have experienced during the last 2 years.

During the exam season, students will be expected to come into school as normal every day, whether or not they have an exam. They will go to lessons as usual, where they will work on revision and exam practice until the exams for that subject are over. They will then continue to go to that lesson when it is timetabled but will be able to use the time for revision in other subjects yet to be examined.

Students have received their individualised exam timetables and prior to each exam we will be putting on subject "booster" sessions where the students will be with their subject teacher for 40-60 minutes, completing targeted revision and recapping of some of the core pre-release content. From there they will go to a pre-exam briefing for 10 minutes, before then going to their exam room. This means that for morning exams, students should arrive in school for 8.20 a.m. to attend their booster session. If your child gets a bus to school and will therefore not be able to arrive for 8.20 a.m., please contact info@thedeanacademy.org and we will discuss alternative arrangements.



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It is **essential** that students are prompt to exams – students will not be allowed entry into the exam hall if they are late. If a student cannot attend an exam, please let us know as soon as possible with a reason. The school absence line is 01594 840912. Please also mention the GCSE exam as part of your message. It should be noted that unfortunately, due to the conditions set in place by the Joint Council for Qualifications, **students who miss exams will not be able to sit them at another time.**

Please find also enclosed with this letter 2 documents from the JCQ that outline some important information for all parents/carers and students who are taking exams in 2022 – can you please take the time to read through these important documents.

Thursday 23rd June will be the last day that all students are expected in school and our leavers events will follow.

Prom

This year's Prom venue has been selected by the Year 11 Prom Committee and it will take place at The Speech House Hotel on Thursday 30th June 2022, 6.30 p.m. – 11.00 p.m. A separate letter with details has been sent out, but as a reminder, tickets will be £35.00 and can be purchased via ParentPay until 27th May. There will be an opportunity for photographs on the red carpet at The Speech House Hotel from 6.30 p.m. Please contact Mrs Price if you require further information regarding this event.

Leavers Hoodies and Yearbook

Leavers' hoodies, T-shirt and other memorabilia can be purchased from Forest Apparel online, <https://forestapparel.co.uk/>. If there are uncertainties regarding sizes, please visit their store in Lydney.

Yearbooks are also available to order at: <https://allyearbooks.co.uk/buy/1634>. Yearbooks contain individual student and tutor photographs, along with some photographs of students throughout their time with us at The Dean Academy. There will also be some special messages from staff members wishing students the best of luck.

Results Day

Results will be available for collection at the school on Thursday 25th August 2022 from 9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. Any results not collected will be sent out by first class post. If students are unable to collect results in person, a letter or email must be supplied to designate someone to collect them on the student's behalf. This letter/email must be addressed to Julie Roberts, Exams Officer.





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Return of Textbooks

Please can students return any textbooks they have borrowed to the relevant Director of Faculty as soon as they have finished using them or put them in the boxes provided in the foyer area. Alternatively, books can be returned on results day.

Certificates

Final exam certificates will be available for collection from the school reception after October 2022. We will put this information on our website.

Finally, I wanted to take this moment to say thank you for your support over what has been, at times, a challenging couple of years and for continuing to work with us over these important coming few weeks to help your child organise their revision to ensure that they perform at their very best in the exams.

As always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

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