



Year 13 summer examinations and updates

I am writing to outline some important messages about the Year 13 examinations.

The latest student data has now been shared with students and parents. Most importantly, this data contains students' final predicted grades (the grades teachers think they will achieve in the summer).

In the weeks leading up to exams, I urge students to take guidance and feedback from their teachers, work hard, and utilise the support provided to them. Students must not settle for anything less than their target grade, there is time to make a difference and fulfil potential. To help with this, every Year 13 student will have a one-to-one appointment with a member of the sixth form team to discuss their predicted grades, revision, and post-sixth form plans before the term ends.

Exam timetables

Exam timetables have now been shared with students via their school email addresses. I have included an overview of when exams will take place with this letter. Further information, including venue and seating information, will be shared with students closer to the exam season. Please encourage your child to regularly check their school emails.

if you have any questions about the exam, please contact class teachers or the sixth form team.

Students with exam clashes

Inevitably, there are some students with exam clashes on their timetable. An exam clash occurs when a student has two or more exams timetabled in the same session or multiple exams timetabled for the same day. Exam clashes are rare, *but normal*, during an exam season. There are steps which must be taken to manage exam clashes, **your child will already know if this applies to them:**

- If the total time to complete all 'clashing' exams **IS NOT** more than **three hours**:
 - On the day of the clash, the student will sit their first exam as normal (they will be told which paper they are sitting first beforehand, by the exams officer).
 - After completing the exam, the student will sit the next exam.
 - The students will be given a short, supervised break between their exams.
- If the total time to complete all 'clashing' exams **IS** more than **three hours**:
 - On the day of the clash, the student will sit their first exam as normal (they will be told which paper they are sitting first beforehand, by the exams officer).
 - After the exam, a staff member will collect the student from the venue and supervise them until they sit the next exam in the afternoon.
 - During supervision, the student cannot access their mobile phone or internet but can use their class notes and textbooks to prepare for the next exam.



Easter school and coursework catch-up

In addition to the extra support that is taking place during term time, over the Easter holiday, some teachers will be delivering extra revision sessions in school. Below is an overview of extra sessions on offer.

Date	Subject	Time	Room
Tuesday 2nd of April	Art	09:00-15:30	AR5
	Coursework catch-up and revision	09:00-15:00	6th Form CR
	Spanish	09:00-14:00	ML2
Wednesday 3rd of April	Criminology	12:00-15:00	PO1
	Coursework catch-up and revision	09:00-15:00	6th Form CR
	Spanish	10:00-13:00	ML2
Tuesday 4th of April	English Literature	10:00-14:00	En2
	Politics	10:00-12:00	Ma2
	Product Design	09:00-15:00	D Block
Wednesday 10th of April	Drama	12:00-15:00	Drama 2
	Product Design	09:00-15:00	D Block

For most students, these sessions are optional, however, some are compulsory. Please note that the 'Coursework catch-up and revision' sessions **are available to all students** in the Sixth Form Common Room, to complete any outstanding work or revision. During the Easter holidays, students attending any sessions should electronically sign in at a terminal while entering and exiting the site. They should also bring their lunch.

Please encourage your child to ask their teacher if there are any additional booster sessions in their subject that they are expected to attend, including those already being delivered weekly, before or after school.

Summer exam leave

Year 13 students will have lessons until they sit their first exam for each subject. Some exams begin on Monday the 13th of May, therefore, Friday the 10th of May will be the last day all students are in school for all lessons. Exam booster lessons will also be scheduled for all students before every exam. This information will be shared with students soon.

Although the coming weeks and months will be challenging, students who work hard and fully prepare will ultimately benefit. Thank you for your continued support. If you have any further questions or concerns, please email sixthform@wickersley.net

Yours sincerely,



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