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The  
COUNTY  
HIGH SCHOOL  
Leftwich



Dear Parent/Carer,

### **SUPPORTING YEAR 11 FOR GCSE SUCCESS**

As the Year 11 Student Tracking 2 Exams begin next week, we felt it would be useful to provide an overview of the Academy's Year 11 arrangements for the rest of this academic year and beyond:

#### **Year 11 Student Tracking 2 (ST2) Exams (Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February until Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March)**

Students have been provided with a timetable and are expected to prepare for the exams. A copy of the timetable and notes to help students prepare for the exams is available on our website. The feedback from these exams will be invaluable for the students as they prepare for GCSE success in the summer. A Mock Results day will be held on 18<sup>th</sup> March, where students will be provided with the grades their teachers expect them to achieve in the summer, based on the ST2 exams.

A variety of additional sessions are being targeted at specific students. These sessions are described as 'additional' as the most important place for all students to prepare for the exams is during their timetabled lessons. The additional sessions include: during Registration, After-School and during EFL and Core PE time. Students and parents/carers will have been communicated with separately about these sessions, should they apply.

#### **Year 11 Parents Evening (Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March)**

The evening will provide an opportunity for students, parents/carers and subject teachers to reflect on the ST2 exams and plan for the summer GCSE exams. The online booking system will open on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February.

#### **Summer 2019 GCSE Exams (Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May until Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June)**

Please note, students will be completing assessments in a variety of subjects, which will count towards the students' final grades prior to these formal exam dates. Maximising marks in these assessments helps ensure students achieve the best grade possible.

Full school uniform must be worn for examinations. Additional sessions will be provided for all students immediately prior to the morning exams.



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Please note, exam boards have designated Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June as a ‘contingency day’ for examinations. JCQ (Joint Council for Qualifications) designate the contingency day “*in the event of national or local disruption to examinations.*” JCQ state that “*Centres must therefore remind candidates that they must remain available until Wednesday 26 June 2019 should an awarding body need to invoke its contingency plan.*”

### **Year 11 Celebration Day**

Our annual Year 11 Celebration Day will take place on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June**, the date of the final GCSE examination for Year 11 students. The event will begin after the end of the GCSE Physics examinations and will finish at 2.00pm after the final Year Leader’s Assembly. Please note that students not attending the Celebration Day BBQ should leave school at 12.35pm, i.e. at the start of lunchtime.

### **Year 11 Leavers’ Ball**

This year’s Year 11 Leavers’ Ball is **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June**. Students should arrive at Vale Royal Abbey for photographs from 6.30pm. A non-alcoholic reception drink will be available from 7.00pm and the meal will begin at approximately 7.30pm. The Leavers’ Ball will finish at 11.00pm.

### **GCSE Results Day**

Students will be able to collect their GCSE results from **9.00am on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August**. Parents/carers are warmly invited to join students and staff in celebrating their sons and daughters’ successes. Refreshments will be provided in the Hall.

### **Presentation Evening**

This year’s Presentation Evening will take place on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October**. Students and parents/carers are warmly invited to this formal celebration of your sons and daughters’ achievements. This is when they will be presented with their GCSE certificates. Please note you will receive a letter of invitation to this special evening in the Autumn Term.

Yours sincerely,



Mr M Snelson  
Vice Principal



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