

Formby High School

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Dear Parent

Re: Year 11 Arrangements

With a busy few weeks ahead, I wanted to outline some key dates and important information which I hope will prove helpful. You will be aware of the various preparations including revision sessions / interventions, activities over the Easter holidays, and the final study skills session delivered by Elevate last Friday in place to support students in Year 11. To complement this we continue to encourage students to follow a comprehensive revision timetable at home in order to prepare for the imminent summer examinations.

The start of Examination Season

The Summer 2022 GCSE examination timetable is now available on the school website and can be found here: <https://www.formbyhighschool.com/examinations/> You will note that the first written examination takes place on Monday 16 May. From this date, until official study leave commences (Friday 27 May) students are entitled to remain at home for a full morning / afternoon study leave session prior to each examination.



For morning examinations, students can sign out at the end of **period 3** the day before. For afternoon examinations, they can remain at home on the day of the examination, being registered in the examination hall 15 minutes before the examination commences.



During this period, unless students are on study leave or sitting an examination, they must attend all lessons, regardless of what time examinations finish. This will ensure that in-class learning and revision time is maximised.



From Friday 27 May all Year 11 students will be entitled to official study leave and are expected to be in school for examinations only. As a reminder, the start time for examinations is as follows:

- 9:15am for morning sessions
- 1:15pm for afternoon sessions



Students must arrive at their examination room 15 minutes before the start of an examination wearing full school uniform and being fully equipped.



Examination Timetables

It is essential that all students familiarise themselves with their individual candidate timetable, including the JCQ regulations attached. Students have been provided with two copies already. By the end of next week, they will receive their third and final copy and this will also include specifics in relation to room and seat numbers.





Bridging Work

We would like Year 11 students to remain engaged with learning after completion of their examinations. As such, departments have created a wealth of Sixth Form focused pre-learning materials, activities and wider reading for students to access. More specific information will be shared in due course.

Year 11 Celebration Assembly

The formal Celebration Assembly will take place on the morning of Friday 24 June. The assembly will start at 9:30am in the School Hall and is expected to last around 45 - 60 minutes. The assembly will celebrate the time Year 11 students have spent at Formby High School and will feature anecdotes from teachers and form tutors. Students always enjoy signing one another's shirts. As students should attend the assembly smartly dressed, time will be allocated for activities of this nature once the formal assembly has finished.

Although you will already be aware, it is crucial to remind all students that school policies, procedures and regulations will apply on the day of the Celebration Assembly. The consumption of alcohol, drugs, tobacco and / or any other controlled substance whilst in school or in the local community is strictly prohibited by law as well as by school policy. Any incidents of poor behaviour on the day may result in students being asked to leave, meaning they will miss the Leavers' Assembly.

Year 11 Prom

As you are aware, this year's Prom will take place on Thursday 30 June 2022 at Aintree Racecourse, starting at 7:30pm. Further details about the event itself [can be found here](#). Please remember to pay the deposit via ParentPay to ensure your son/daughter secures their place. Further details will be shared in due course by Mrs Parkinson.

To try and provide a boost for this year group during this busy time, especially as this year group suffered significant disruption to their learning because of Covid-19, I have introduced a 'Points for Prom' initiative. It is hoped that this drive will continue to inspire and motivate Year 11 students to achieve to their potential during this crucial time in their studies; it is also hoped that it will encourage students to stay in a positive conduct balance, as attendance at the Year 11 Prom is subject to students maintaining a positive points balance.

For this year only, the threshold of negative points will not form part of the criteria to attend (previously this was capped at -70 points) which is also something in place to try and address the adverse effects of the pandemic suffered by this year group.

Finally, I would like to thank you for your continued support and I wish all of our students every success in the forthcoming examinations. I look forward to celebrating their achievements when they receive their GCSE results on Thursday 25 August. I would like to take the opportunity to share what a privilege it has been working with this cohort of students over a number of years. I am proud of how they have faced the uncertainties, complexities and challenges of late, and how they have developed into caring and hard-working individuals; I am therefore looking forward to being able to celebrate and look back upon their time in school on Friday 24 June.

If you have any questions or comments about the information shared in this letter, please contact me at the school via telephone or email (k.macdougall@formbyhighschool.com).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K MacDougall'.

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