



Wadham School

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"Life in all its fullness" John 10:10



5th March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Year 11 – 'Just The Boost You Need' and External Exams May and June 2024

Year 11 are getting ever closer to the final stage of their compulsory education and external exams. I am writing to express my continued respect for how students are approaching this challenging phase of their lives and want to remind you of my email address if you think there is anything else that we could be doing at Wadham School to support the cohort and individuals - kwright@wadhamschool.co.uk

At present there is a comprehensive intervention programme running in and out of lesson time and we are expecting more and more students to take advantage of the after-school opportunities that staff are so kindly making available. We are also moving forward with the planning of the celebrations for the end of the exams which I have previously written to you about.

The main information to take note of in this letter is about 'Just the Boost You Need' and the exam season arrangements. This letter has been sent over two months before the start of exams to allow for good organisation from students and families to enable full engagement for maximum success!

Just The Boost You Need

9 sessions of compulsory after school learning and revision for all students. These sessions will be 'walking talking exams'. In these sessions subject specialists will walk students through real exams identifying exemplar responses to questions. The late bus will continue to be available during this time which drops off in Merriott and Ilminster.

The sessions will run on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.
Period 6 – 3:05 until 3:40 (information of venues to be published)
Break – 3:40 until 3:50 (refreshments available in food hall)
Period 7 – 3:50 until 4:25 (information of venues to be published)
Late bus departure 4:30

Tuesday 23rd April – English Literature
Wednesday 24th April – Physics
Thursday 25th April – Geography and History (If a student studies both they will have a choice which one to attend)

Tuesday 30th April – English Language
Wednesday 1st May – French, German and Business (If a student studies all 3 of these subjects they will have a choice which one to attend)
Thursday 2nd May – Chemistry

Tuesday 7th May – Maths
Wednesday 8th May – Beliefs and World Views
Thursday 9th May – Biology



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External Exams May and June 2024

This year we will be publishing a 'hybrid' exam season timetable between 9th May and 19th June. The 'hybrid' timetable for students will be made up of:

- Exams.
- Compulsory time in school for lessons.
- Time when permission to leave school to study off-site will be granted.

This model has not been used for many years. This year the majority of students have proved to us that they are working hard to do their very best in and out of school and they deserve our trust that they will study off-site when given the opportunity. This is a trial for this year and therefore is not the guaranteed model for subsequent years.

Compulsory means compulsory. There will be no reason accepted for absence from school and students will not be permitted to leave site during the compulsory times unless evidence of an appointment is forwarded to Wadham at least one day prior to the appointment. (unless an emergency appointment – and then the evidence will be accepted on the day)

'Study off-site'

With permission (information to follow), students will be allowed to leave site at the time specified on certain days. Once a student has left the school site they will not be able to return that day. Students must use this time to study. Students are allowed to leave site and proceed to a residential address. Students are only allowed to be travelling on their journey or at home during this time. Students are not permitted to be in the community at this time.

We believe this model will allow for students to take responsibility for their learning and revision alongside lessons in school where staff will deliver important lessons as final preparation for exams. The school timetable will be adjusted strategically for Year 11 students at different times during the exam season so that some subject input can be delivered by subject specialists in line with dates of exams.

I will be writing to you before the end of April with the confirmed timetable and I will give you details of how parents and carers will be able to submit consent for their son / daughter to leave the school site at the times identified for study time off-site.

Please can I remind you, that even though the final GCSE exam takes place on Wednesday 19th June, there is a national contingency day on Wednesday 26th June which may be required in extreme circumstances.

By the 27th June, our leavers event in school will have taken place, 'The Prom' will have been held and the contingency day will have passed. Therefore, we ask that any plans are put in place after 27th June.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Yours faithfully,



Mrs K Wright

Head of Year 11