

27th May 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

We are now almost two weeks into the summer exam season. Students have approached the exams with real maturity and have been really responsive to the additional support teachers have provided through pre-exam sessions – we are really proud of them. The up coming half term holiday will provide a welcome break for students before they prepare for the final three weeks of exams on our return on Monday 6th June.

During the half term holiday several sessions are being offered by subject areas. Please see below for details of these.

Teacher	Subject	Date	Open to:	Timings	Room
Mrs Hutchinson	Biology	Monday 30 th May	AM Triple Higher	9am-11am	Maths 1
			PM Com Higher	11.30am-1.30pm	Maths 1
Mr Fayers	Maths	Tuesday 31 st May	11B3 Maths	10am – 1.30 pm	Maths 3
Mr Brennan	Geography	Tuesday 31 st May	Open to all	10am – 1.30 pm	Maths 1
Mr Dench Smith	Triple Physics	Wednesday 1 st June	AM Triple Physics	9am – 12pm	Maths 1

In preparation for the return after half term can I take this opportunity to remind you of the following arrangements during the exam season. Can we ask for your on-going support in reiterating these to your child to ensure the continued smooth running of the exams process.

Throughout the exam season the programme of pre-exam revision sessions will continue to run https://www.garibaldischool.co.uk/data/uploads/year11/files/Overall_Exam_Revision_Schedule_2022.pdf these take place in the morning or afternoon prior to each exam. During these sessions subject teachers are supporting final preparations for the exam, giving students the opportunity to address any last-minute queries and settle some nerves.

Once the exams begin students will follow an adapted timetable, they should, however still attend school full time through the exam season and in full school uniform. *Students who arrive for exams not in uniform may well be asked to go home to change or parents/carers contacted to bring correct uniform into school.*

The following dates are set out below to ensure that parents/carers are clear on what is expected in terms of attendance in this period:

Thursday 23rd June	<p>This is the date up to which <u>students need to attend as normal.</u> If students miss sessions (i.e. morning or afternoon) up to this point these absences will be followed up as previously.</p> <p><i>If students have completed their studies in a subject prior to this point there will be opportunities to use this time to prepare for exams in other subjects.</i></p> <p>All Year 11 students have a Science exam in the afternoon on this date. This is the final exam for any Year 11 Student.</p>
Thursday 30th June	The Year 11 Prom at Rufford Park Gold and Country Club for those students where consent has been provided.
Thursday 30th June to Friday 8th July.	Students' signing out. Once all your child's exams have been completed and all outstanding coursework submitted they can 'sign out'. Students will need to come into student reception to collect a signing out form and then get the required signatures from staff to complete the process. This should not take more than thirty minutes.

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Exam start times

All exams are designated as either AM or PM exams. All AM exams start at 9:00am and all PM exams start at 1:00pm. Students should arrive promptly at the exam room. Further information can be found here: <https://www.garibaldischool.co.uk/page.php?p=exams>.

Wednesday 29th June 2022 – Exam contingency day

Exam awarding bodies have designated Wednesday 29th June 2022 as a 'contingency day' for examinations, (www.gov.uk/government/publications/exam-system-contingency-plan-england-wales-and-northern-ireland). This 'contingency day' is in place in the event of national or significant local disruption to exams in the United Kingdom. Therefore students need to remain available for exams up to and including this date.

Mobile phones, electronic devices and other equipment during exams

In terms of exam conduct, mobile phones and other electronic devices, such as smart watches, are not permitted in the exam hall either on a student or in a student's bag. As a school, we no longer provide a facility for holding electronic devices. Ideally students should not bring such items into school on days of exams. This applies to all students sitting any exams. All pencil cases used in the exam rooms must be see-through and all water bottles used must have their labels taken off. Further information on this can be found here: https://www.icq.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/ICE_20-21_FINAL.pdf

Results Day 2022

GCSE Results Day is Thursday 25th August 2022. We will share details of the arrangements for this in due course.

Finally can I take the opportunity to reiterate the importance of students making use of their own time to support preparations for the exams. While we endeavour to support students as much as possible in school time, it is essential that time is allocated at home over the coming weeks. Revision time should be planned using a revision timetable, a possible template for which is in the exam preparation booklet we sent home last half term. Revision should go beyond simply reading through exercise books; again suggestions and some guidance are available in the exam preparation booklet and have been shared with students via email.

If you have any queries in relation to the above, please do not hesitate to contact me for further clarification. If your question is directly related to exam conduct, please contact the Exams Office directly by e-mailing office@garibaldischool.co.uk or by phoning the school on 01632 464 220.

Yours faithfully

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