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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to you to let you know about the arrangements for the 2023 GCSE examinations. I hope that you have seen your son or daughter's exam timetable and that it is prominently displayed at home so that you know the times and dates of all the exams. Students must be on time and in school uniform for all exams. Exam regulations stipulate students can be barred from entering an exam if they are too late. Students cannot re-sit exams.

We do not expect students to wear blazers for the exams and we do not want any hoodies or jackets. No mobile phones or smart watches can be taken into in the exam room; this can lead to disqualification from the exam. A locked cupboard is always available to keep bags and valuables in during an exam. Every student should bring in all the relevant equipment; all students should know when they can use a calculator.

Written GCSE exams start on Monday 15 May. The first two weeks will be quite a busy time for students. To help them prepare for their exams teachers have been running revision classes and have put a lot of helpful material on Firefly. If a student does not have an exam, she or he should be at home revising. If a student cannot go home between a morning and an afternoon exam they can work in their usual classrooms where they will be supervised by a teacher. Teachers running a revision class will inform students in advance.

Exams can be quite stressful for students. I hope the arrangements we have put in place will help them achieve the good grades they need to enable them to progress in further education. There is no substitute for hard work and organisation at this stage. Students should have a revision timetable and should be revising every day.

Please let me know of any concerns you have. In the meantime, please support your son or daughter by feeding them well, encouraging them, ensuring they have a quiet place to work and that they factor in rest breaks whilst revising.

Yours faithfully

Simon Horne
Head Teacher