

Year 11 – Exams 2022

Dear Year 11,

The letter outlines below some key details about the Exam Series 2022 which is fast approaching. It also has some reminders about where to find resources and help, as well as the leaving arrangements and some early guidance about Prom.

Shortly after Easter, you'll be receiving **your bespoke exam timetable** which will list all entries, the times and locations of these exams and other details such as your seat number / rules and regulations for the official exams.

If you've any questions, please do contact your tutor or Mrs Way or Mrs Cacchi who will do their utmost to support.

Key Dates

- Exam Series 2022 begins **Monday 16th May 2022**
- Study Leave begins **Monday 6th June 2022** *however you all still expected to attend Noadswood until your final exam in the given subject.* More details about this in the Study Leave section
- Final *main* exam for vast majority of students is **Thursday 23rd June 2022**
- Leavers Day (last day at Noadswood, where we have our final assembly, sign shirts and say our goodbyes) will be after the morning exam on **Thursday 23rd June 2022**. Year 11 will finish the exam, go to tutors for a celebration and then come to the main hall, finishing around 12.30pm
- Prom – Wednesday 29th June 2022

Study Leave

The last 'normal' day for Year 11 is Friday 27th May 2022 which proceeds half-term – **please be aware this is not your leavers day** (this comes after the exams are completed).

On return (Monday 6th June 2022) Year 11 students will enter a period of “study leave”, however it is important that students are aware of what is expected of them during this time.

First and foremost, **all students are expected to attend lessons in each subject until the final exam in that subject has taken place**. For example, the final exam for English is 10/06/2022 so students would not need to attend any English lessons past this point. This applies to all subjects taken by students.

To aid with study leave dates, the list below shows when the *final* exam for each subject takes place, allowing students to no longer attend these lessons:

06/06/2022 – end of **German**

10/06/2022 – end of **English** and **Physical Education**

13/06/2022 – end of **Mathematics** and **Digital iMedia**

14/06/2022 – end of **Geography** and **Media**

15/06/2022 – end of **Design and Technology**

16/06/2022 – end of **History** and **French**

20/06/2022 – end of **Food Preparation and Nutrition**

23/06/2022 – end of **Science**

27/06/2022 – end of **Polish**

***Child Development, Music, Drama, Travel and Tourism** and **Computer Science** have their final exam prior to half-term, so students will still be expected to attend these classes up until half term, where they'll be able to use this time to study for other subjects.

Revision and Preparation

Remember that preparing for your exams should start sooner rather than later. Bring friends and family into your preparation process by talking to them about your revision needs, agreeing contracts with parents about what you plan to do and involve the right friends in revision sessions.

Remember that you can find support from the [GCSE support page](#) on the school website or speak to your class teachers, year leaders, or Mr Wooster for help with everything revision, timetables, techniques or motivation.



Here are a few tips from the professionals about revising:

Make it obvious:

- Revise in one space – so you relate the area to ‘work’
- Leave your revision work out so you are ready to jump in
- Make a revision contract (timetable) to plan your time
- Stack good habits, like walking and listening to a subject podcast or revise and tidy your room.

Make it attractive:

- Revise with friends and go to revision sessions together
- Give yourself a medal for your mission (revise first then games console later)
- Write a contract with your family about which days and times you will revise so they can support you.

Make it easy:

- Start small, 10 minutes a day can lead to 20 minutes a day when you are ready.
- Reduce distractions, no music or phone.
- Ask your family to encourage you.
- Tick off your revision timetable when you have finished a session.

Some really top revision and preparation tips are shown in the visual below:




Exam 2022 Information

Once you have your timetable, shortly after Easter, check it through carefully to make sure subjects and tiers are as you would expect. The exam document will also give you lots of information about the exams including official guidance, details specific to you (e.g. seat number) and where you can find support. You'll find the *generic timetable* on the next page, which outlines all of the exams and their dates through the summer of 2022.

If you have concessions for the exams, you'll be in a different venue and will have a specific aid such as our reading computers / access to a scribe / an increased amount of time. Mrs Cacchi and Miss Hyland will be in touch with you personally to give you more details.

Some top tips about exam prep are shown in the visual below:



Keeping calm on exam day

So the day is here. You've studied, had a good night's sleep and you're ready to go. Here's some advice to help get you through the day.

- Eat the right foods – a lack of energy can affect your concentration
- Get your stationery together – bring spare pens/pencils, a pencil eraser and a calculator if it's allowed. A clear pencil case or plastic bag is fine to use
- Bring a bottle of water so you don't get thirsty half way through
- Arrive on time – ideally 10 – 15 minutes before the start of the exam
- Don't let other students make you stressed while you are waiting to go in – you're on your own journey
- Don't bring your phone with you
- No matter how tempting, don't talk to other students once you go into the exam room – this could be classed as misconduct, even if you're not talking about the subject of the exam
- Read the instructions on the front of the exam paper carefully
- Once the exam starts, read through the whole paper before answering anything – you'll be able to see how much time you'll need to answer each question and plan your time effectively
- If you feel unwell or need to go to the toilet, put your hand up so the invigilator can help you
- Look for the command words. Identify key words before you answer the question

REMEMBER Your examiners want you to do well. They're real people who have sat exams before and they understand how nerve-racking and stressful the experience can be.

Generic Timetable

10/05/2022 – Travel and Tourism

12/05/2022 – Child Development

16/05/2022 – Child Development and Computer Science

17/05/2022 – Biology and Music

18/05/2022 – English Language and German (Reading / Listening)

19/05/2022 – History and Drama

20/05/2022 – Mathematics (Non-Calculator)

23/05/2022 – Geography

24/05/2022 – French (Reading / Listening) and Physical Education

25/05/2022 – English Literature and Media Studies

26/05/2022 – Travel and Tourism

27/05/2022 – Chemistry and Computer Science

06/06/2022 – German (Writing)

07/06/2022 – Mathematics (Calculator) and Geography

08/06/2022 – English Literature

09/06/2022 – History and Physics

10/06/2022 – English Language and Physical Education

13/06/2022 – Mathematics (Calculator) and Digital iMedia

14/06/2022 – Geography and Media Studies

15/06/2022 – Biology and Design and Technology

16/06/2022 – History and French (Writing)

17/06/2022 – Polish (Reading and Listening)

20/06/2022 – Chemistry and Food Preparation and Nutrition

23/06/2022 – Physics

27/06/2022 – Polish (Writing)

Prom Arrangements



The prom will take place on Wednesday 29th June 2022 at MacDonald Elmers Court Hotel and Resort in Lymington. The exact time of the event is yet to be confirmed; however, it will take place in the evening.



More information can be found in the letter from Mrs Way ([click link](#))