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Dear Parents / Carers,

Year 11 Exams

Thank you for your support over the past few months in ensuring that your child is as prepared as they can be for this extremely important examination period. It is naturally an anxious and stressful time for pupils and parents alike and I am writing to assure you that my staff are doing everything they can to ensure that your child achieves excellent results.

Below is confirmation of arrangements regarding the GCSE exam period that has now started. Due to COVID adaptations, the examinations are more spaced out than usual and therefore the exam period is a lot longer than in previous years. Your child's official leaving date is the day of their last exam. For many pupils, this date will be Physics Paper 2 on Thursday 23rd June, unless they are needed for some of the remaining exams. Until this date, pupils must attend school as normal. At time of writing, there are no plans to grant 'study leave' to any student earlier than this date. It is up to individual schools if/when to grant 'study leave' and I have made the decision with my team that, given the amount of time missed due to COVID, the best place to support them is in school with their teachers with a slightly adapted timetable according to the exams that day/the day after.

Your child has a copy of their personalised exam timetable. All exams on this timetable are compulsory. If an issue arises that could affect your child's attendance to any of the exams (including testing positive for COVID-19), you must contact the school immediately (postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk) and we will advise you on the best course of action to take. Please be advised that there only very few and extreme circumstances that the exam board will grant permission for an exam to be missed.

For morning exams (starting at 9:00am) your child must arrive at school in plenty of time (no later than 8:45am) and proceed directly to their exam venue as indicated on their exam timetable. There are breakfast sessions (with a free snack provided) from 8:00am in the hall each morning to support last minute revision for that subject and to calm any pre-exam nerves. We strongly advise your child to attend these sessions. Once they have finished the exam they will then have break (11:10am-11:30am) and return to lessons, unless they also have an afternoon exam.

For afternoon exams (starting at 1:10pm), your child will have a revision session 11:30am-12:30pm with their subject teacher and then have lunch 12:30pm-1:00pm. They will then proceed directly to the sports hall.

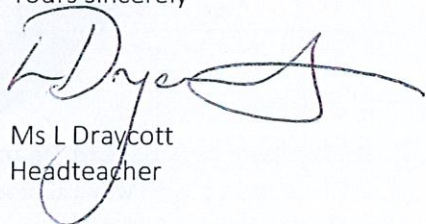
Study hall and period 6s remain in operation throughout the exam period (3:10-4:00pm) for students to revise in school if they want a quiet space to do so.

We may release Year 11 earlier than the end of the exam series when a Leavers Assembly will be held. We will update you on the day via text if any changes are to take place.



Once again, thank you for your support in what I hope will be a very successful outcome for your child!

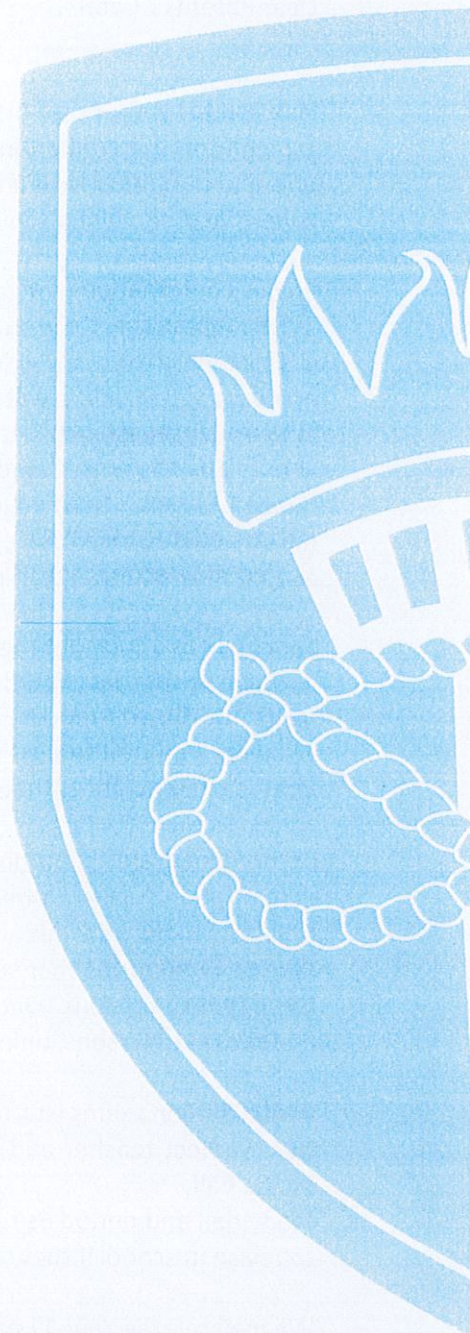
Yours sincerely



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