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20<sup>th</sup> February 2024



Dear Parents/Carers,

### Final Approach to Summer 2024 Exams

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As we enter into the final mock exams, I am writing to inform you of some key dates and support that we are providing to Year 11 in readiness for the final exam series which will be with us sooner than we expect:

1. **Revision Materials and Past Papers** – each subject will signpost the most suitable revision materials / past papers to your child. Many of these resources are already uploaded on Microsoft Teams which your child can access via their school email account. If your child is unable to access Microsoft Teams, they must let their form tutor know during form time who will help them. There are also resources here [Revision Resources](#).
2. **Revision Guides** – recommended revision guides available to purchase via WEDUC. These are also available online (new and 2<sup>nd</sup> hand) on shopping sites such as Amazon. Please ensure you are purchasing revision guides for the correct exam boards as listed below:

Exam Board	Subject
OCR	Computer Science, Art
AQA	English Language, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Science (Combined), History, Geography, Sociology, Psychology
EDEXCEL	Maths, English Literature, French, German, PE
WJEC	Catering
BTEC (EDEXCEL)	IT, Media, Health & Social Care, Child Development, Sport, Enterprise, Dance, Drama, Music

3. **Exam Stress Support** – This can be a challenging time for pupils and those who they live with. There are some tips here on how to support your child at home here [How Parents Can Help](#).
4. **Revision Timetables** – pupils were given a blank revision timetable in form time to help plan out their revision. Tips on effective revision timetables can be found here [Revision Timetables](#).
5. **Mock Exams** – are underway and will run between the following dates: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February-Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March – students had their personalised timetables given to them in form time with their seat numbers on. It would greatly help with the smooth running of the exams if you encouraged your child to remember their seat numbers (e.g. G5 and H7) for their exams that day. The master mock timetable can be found here [Mock Exam Timetable](#).
6. **Mock Results** – your child will receive their mock results in an assembly on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March
7. **Year 11 Parents Evening** – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March - this will be a chance to discuss your child's mock performance and how they can improve ahead of the final exams. The virtual appointment system will go live shortly; you will receive an email when it is live.



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8. **Period 6 (non-BTEC)** – pupils are not required to attend Period 6 during the mock period. Once teachers have marked the mock papers, they will select students for the final round of Period 6s which will run Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.
9. **Period 6 (BTEC)** – Some BTEC subjects will continue to run their Period 6 sessions between Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March to give students time to work on their BTEC assignments. Your child will be notified by their class teacher if this applies to them.
10. **Study hall** – From Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February until Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June – all students are able to use the bistro from 3:10-4:00pm for supervised silent study. There are revision guides available for loan, but it is advisable that students bring their own materials.
11. **Form Time Revision** – from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February until Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May Year 11 will be expected to bring revision with them to do in form time. This is an additional 30 minutes of revision in a morning under supervision of their form teacher who can offer tips on how to revise. There will be revision boxes in form rooms to assist with this.
12. **Easter Half Term Revision Sessions** - (targeted students only) – students will receive the invites for these sessions in due course. We ask you to return the consent forms promptly so we can plan accordingly.
13. **Study Leave** – Barr Beacon School does not allow any student to have study leave.
14. **Drop Down Timetable** – from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May students will receive an adapted timetable to ensure they have focussed time with subject specialists just before an exam. A copy of this timetable will be provided in due course.
15. **Summer Exam Timetable** – a copy of the Summer Timetable can be found here [Summer 2024 Exams](#) – please check this before booking any family events as students cannot miss any of these exams.
16. **Attendance After Final Exam** – students will not be expected in school after their final exam. Further information about this will follow in due course.
17. **Leavers Assembly** – there will be a leavers assembly at the end of the exams which will give students the opportunity to celebrate their last 5 years at Barr Beacon School. Details of this will be provided in due course.
18. **Results day** – GCSE Results Day is Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August. You will receive the arrangements for this in due course. If you already know that your child will not be able to collect their results on this day, please email [postbox](mailto:postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk) and we will provide you with instructions.



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19. **Yr 11 Prom** – is taking place on Friday 5th July 2024. Please ensure that you have paid in full on WEDUC by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February. If there are any issues, please contact postbox. Please be mindful of the conditions of attendance. The Headteacher's decision with regard to attendance is final.

Thank you for your continued support, I can assure you it will all be worth it. If you have any questions or need further support, please do not hesitate to contact us [postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk](mailto:postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk)

Yours sincerely,

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