

Dear Parent/Carer

With the GCSE examinations starting, we are writing to confirm some of the arrangements for pupils. Pupils will be issued with more detailed instructions on a weekly basis, but the basic principle is that pupils are expected to attend school as usual throughout the examination period. Pupils have a personalised copy of every examination for which they have been entered and all pupils have confirmed this as correct.

It is essential that pupils arrive in school in full uniform by 8.35am (at the latest). They will attend lessons or examinations throughout the day and leave at the normal time. Pupils are expected to return to lessons after morning examinations. Throughout this period, teachers will continue to run many revision sessions at lunchtime and after school, although these may become more flexible to accommodate the needs of the pupils.

The only exception to this routine is when a pupil has an afternoon examination. Pupils will be dismissed at the end of afternoon examinations and will be able to leave the school site immediately. Pupils are, however, welcome to return to school at 15.10 to attend after school revision sessions. As examinations are completed, pupils will continue to attend lessons according to their normal timetable. Once pupils have completed all of their examinations in a particular course, they are still expected to attend that lesson to revise independently with specific revision resources so that they can maximise their performance in all of their future examinations.

Normal school rules apply to Year 11 pupils throughout the examination period. We all wish for pupils to be able to focus fully on their studies at this crucial time, and would not wish for misdemeanours to get in the way of this.

I trust you will understand that the principle of pupils remaining in school with their teachers, the people best placed to prepare them for GCSEs, has been one of the most important strategies responsible for ensuring Darrick Wood pupils are successful. We wish all of our pupils the very best of luck and look forward to celebrating with them when they receive their results on Thursday, 24th August. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions regarding any of the above or any aspect of the examination process.

Yours sincerely

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