

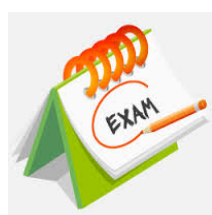
## Principal's Letter to Year 12 Parents / Carers

Dear Parent / Carer,

Now that your son / daughter has started their final year of GCSE study, I would like to make you aware of some key dates and the various arrangements that we will have in place to support your son / daughter this year.

### Careers Service

All Year 12 pupils are currently having Careers Interviews with the Careers Service, in order to support them in making plans for post 16 career / study pathways.



### GCSE Modular Examinations

As you may already be aware, your son / daughter will be sitting parts of their GCSE examinations this term and early next term. These modular examinations are set by the examination board and will therefore count towards your son / daughter's final GCSE grades. Please take note of the dates listed below and ensure that your son / daughter is well prepared for each examination. A Statement of Entry, listing exactly which examinations your son / daughter has been entered for, will be issued to them in due course. All of these examinations take place within the school day and pupils return to normal classes after each examination.

Wednesday 11th November	9:15	Biology
Thursday 12th November	9:15	Chemistry
Friday 13th November	9:15	Physics
Friday 8th January 2016	9:15	English Language Unit 1 <i>(for any Year 12 pupil who didn't achieve a grade C or above at the end of Year 11)</i>
Monday 11th January 2016	9:15	Mathematics Units 1, 2, 3 and 4
Wednesday 13th January 2016	9:15	Mathematics Units 5 and 6

**Science Blast Revision Sessions** will be provide for students sitting modular examinations Monday 26th, Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th October 2015 from 9:30 - 12:30. A letter from the Head of Science giving further details, will be issued shortly.

### Regular Feedback on Progress

Throughout the year, the students' progress will be monitored using internally set assignments. These are referred to as 'Assessment Windows' and the results of these assessments will be reported back to you and your son / daughter. The approximate date of each posting is:

Assessment Window 1	November 2015
Assessment Window 2	January 2016
Assessment Window 3	February 2016
Assessment Window 4	April 2016



## GCSE Mock Results Morning: 4th January 2016

Pupils in Year 12 sit Mock GCSE examinations from 3rd December 2015. They will receive the results of these examinations at a special event in the college on 4th January 2016, which has been arranged for our senior pupils and their parents / careers. This event will give the students an experience similar to the actual results day in August 2016. Each pupil will receive their Statement of Mock Results for all of their GCSE courses. The Careers Service will be available to give advice on post 16 pathways available to the students, based on the outcomes of these mock results. There will also be the opportunity for you to meet with individual subject teachers and the Year 12 pastoral team, to discuss your son / daughter's mock results and agree how best to secure further progress in Term 2. More details about this morning will be provided in due course.

## Controlled Assessment

Most GCSE courses now require pupils to complete controlled assessment tasks throughout the course. These tasks count for up to 60% of their final grade in each subject. Your son / daughter has been provided with a schedule showing when they will be preparing for and completing these controlled assessments in each of their subject areas. A copy of this schedule has also been enclosed with this letter. Please ensure that your son / daughter's attendance at school is sustained, so that none of this vital work is missed.



## After School Classes this Term

After school classes take place throughout the year, and not surprisingly, most of them will start after the Christmas holidays. However, some courses are running after school classes this term, and these are listed below. Please ensure that your son / daughter makes full use of this additional support:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Art Portfolio clinic (lunchtime)	Business Studies (3:00 - 3:45)	Business Comm controlled assessment clinic (3:00 - 3:45)	RE GCSE Short course (after 1/2 term)	Art Portfolio clinic (lunchtime)
	Art Portfolio Clinic (3:00 - 4:00) and at lunchtime	ICT controlled assessment clinic (3:00 - 4:00)	Art Portfolio Clinic (3:00 - 4:00) and at lunchtime	LLW Controlled Assessment Clinic (lunchtime)
		Art Portfolio clinic (lunchtime)		

In addition, we are planning to offer revision classes over the Easter holidays in 2016, to support pupils in the final stages of examination preparation. More details will follow about the planned schedule.

Please ensure your son/ daughter is able to make full use of these support arrangements this year, so that they are successful in achieving the grades they need for their chosen career pathway. If you have any questions or concerns regarding these arrangements, please contact the college and arrange to speak to your son / daughter's Form Tutor or another relevant member of staff.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs J Magennis (Principal)

## Year 12 Controlled Assessment Timetable 2015-16

		September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	
Assessment windows			AW 1		AW 2		AW 3		AW 4		
Core Subjects	English		Task 3			Task 2					
	Maths										
	Science (SA)	Hard & Soft Water (25%)									
	RE (Short Course)										
	RE (Entry Level)			Oral Assessment		Investigative Study					
	LLW		Citizenship (60%)								
Block A	Business Communications	Unit 3 Controlled Assignment (25%)									
	Double Award Science				Displacement and Temperature (25%)						
	French		Speaking Unit 3	Speaking Unit 3	Writing, Listening and reading.						
	ICT	Unit 2									
	Technology	Practical Unit – Resistant Materials (60%)									
Block B	Business Studies	Task 2 and remainder of Task 3 (60%)									
	Art	Unit 1 (60%)				Unit 2 (40%)					
	Hospitality					Unit 6 (25%)					
	Public Services	Unit 2 (25%) JM & Unit 4 (25%) WH									
	Creative Media	Unit 8 (25%)				Unit 3 (25%)					
Block C	History				Unit 3 (25%)						
	Art	Unit 1 (60%)				Unit 2 (40%)					
	Double Award Science				Displacement and Temperature (25%)						
	ICT	Unit 2									
	Home Economics	Food Study (40%)				Food Preparation (20%)					
Block D	Geography	Unit 3 – River Study (25%)									
	Health and Social Care	Communication (25%)									
	Music	Music Composition (30%)									
	Physical Education	Key Process C (6%)			Practical Assessments (54%)						
	Technology	Practical Unit – Resistant Materials (60%)									

Year 12 pupils are studying all of the core subjects and one from each block.

In RE they either study the Short Course or the Entry Level Qualification.