



**March 2023**

Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach the end of the mock examination period, I would like to take this opportunity to highlight some upcoming events and some key dates for the rest of the year as we prepare year 13 for the A level examinations this summer along with coursework deadlines.

During the past two weeks we have held our mock exams. These exams are an important step in the preparation for the final examinations that will take place this summer and will give the students and you, as parents/carers the best indication yet of the grades they are likely to attain.

The final examination period runs from 15th May 2023 to 30th June 2023, with a break for the half term holiday between 27th May and 4th June. Students must be available for the whole period and holidays etc. must not be booked in this time. The school does not have any control over these external examination dates, and it is not possible to rearrange these examinations for any reason, as they are organised for the whole country to take at the same time.

There is often discussion around the idea of “study leave” when examinations take place, however, we believe that the best place for students to prepare for their exams is in their lessons with their class teachers. As a result, lessons will continue as timetabled for each subject until the final examination in that subject has been completed. Attendance at these lessons is compulsory.

Whilst the academy will be partially closed on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March due the national teacher strikes, year 13 students are expected to be in school. As we fast approach the examination period, it is vitally important students' attend every day.

To support year 13 during the examination period we have organised the following support and events.



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- **Year 13 Exam preparation session:** Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March lesson 5 – year 13 will not be permitted home study.
- **Kooth Examination Stress and Anxiety drop down session:** Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March, times and location will be shared with students shortly.
- **Period 6 lessons:** Staff and subjects are offering period 6 lessons after school. These will be added to students timetables shortly.
- **Period 6 study:** The sixth form area and library are open until 4pm each day after school for year 13 students to complete coursework and/or revise for examinations.
- **Study lessons:** Some staff have requested year 13 students to begin attending some year 12 lessons, where possible. This will be extremely helpful to the students by allowing them to revisit content of the courses taught in year 12. These additional lessons will be added to students timetables shortly.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support, especially at this crucial time in your young person's education career. If you have any further questions or concerns, please do contact Mr Cass, Head of Year Sixth Form, or Miss Clark, Sixth Form Administrator.

Yours faithfully

**Miss L Hryniewicz**  
**Assistant Vice Principal**  
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