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Dear Parents/Carers

Year 11 – GCSE Examinations, Year 11 – Last Day & Year 11 Information Evening

I am writing to inform you that the year 11 GCSE examination season is scheduled to start from the week commencing **Monday 15th May 2023** and will last for a total of 5 weeks. Due to the number of examinations timetabled, students will be taking an early lunch from Monday 15th May for the entire exam season. The early lunch break will be between 12:10pm – 12:50pm.

Attached is a copy of the full examination timetable. Students will also be given a personalised timetable with the examinations they are completing.

All examinations will be taken in a designated examination room under examination conditions. Students who have specific access arrangements will take their examinations in separate rooms as necessary. When students are not completing examinations, they will attend lessons as normal until **Friday 26th May**. From Monday 5th June, year 11 students will only be expected to attend school for their examinations - They will not be required to attend timetabled lessons from that date. There will be a Leavers Celebration held for all year 11 students at a later date. Further information will be communicated to parents/carers in due course.

You can help your child to prepare for these **examinations** by:

- Discussing with them the examinations and the work they need to do to prepare for them
- Making sure they complete any revision homework set by the teacher
- Making sure they know which examinations they have on which days and displaying the timetable at home
- Helping them to learn by testing at home on work covered in lessons
- Providing a quiet place for them to work in the period leading up to the examinations.



As part of the latest 2022/2023 regulations, the following equipment **MUST NOT** be brought into the examination room:

- Electronic equipment such as mobile phones or any device that allows communication
- Wearable technology and all types of watches. This includes but is not limited to, smart watches, smart glasses and wireless headphones
- Books or guides
- Rough papers or notes

Please also find attached the JCQ – Information for Candidates documentation, which will provide you with further information on the requirements and expectations set out by the Joint Council for Qualifications.

We recognise how stressful an examination series can be for our students, and offer an extensive range of support measures before, during and after the exam series. As part of our support measures, we are holding a Year 11 Information Evening on **Thursday 23rd March** between the hours of 4:30pm – 6:00pm, where we will outline the exam process, coping techniques and the schedule leading up to the exams.

If you have any queries or concerns about the arrangements for the examinations or would like further details, please contact Mr Osmond via email: jake.osmond@themallingschool.kent.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely



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