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22nd April 2024



Dear Parent/Carer

The GCSE examinations have now started and we know that so many Wednesfield Academy pupils are working hard to ensure they achieve the best outcomes. We would strongly encourage parents of any pupil who has not started revising, to ensure that their child is preparing for their examinations, which will impact on your child's future career paths. Further examination support information can be found on our website on the following link - [Revision Resources - Wednesfield Academy](#).

English/Mathematics Masterclasses

If your child does not achieve a grade 4 or 5 (depending on which course they are applying for) in their English and Maths GCSEs, then they will need to complete three years at college, rather than the standard two years. It will also mean that they have to resit their Maths and/or English whilst they are there, and they will have to initially study a Level 2 qualification rather than Level 3. For those applying for Sixth Form places, depending on the subjects they wish to study, the results needed may be higher than a grade 5.

For this reason, we are putting on masterclasses after school on the below dates for ALL Year 11 pupils (refreshments will be provided for pupils who stay). It is imperative that your child attends these sessions, as they will provide vital last-minute resources and tips on how to obtain the highest marks in their examinations:

- Friday 10th May 2024 – 3.00pm-4.15pm – preparation for 'GCSE English Literature – Shakespeare and the 19th Century novel' on Monday 13th May 2024.
- Wednesday 15th May 2024 – 3.00pm-5.00pm – preparation for 'GCSE Mathematics Paper 1 (non-calculator)' (Foundation and Higher) on Thursday 16th May 2024.
- Friday, 17th May 2024 – 3.00pm-5.00pm – preparation for 'GCSE English Literature – Modern Text and Poetry' on Monday, 20th May 2024
- Wednesday 22nd May 2024 – 3.00pm-5.00pm – preparation for 'GCSE English Language - Explorations in creative reading and writing' on Thursday 23rd May 2024.
- Friday 24th May 2024 – 3.00pm-4.00pm – preparation for 'GCSE Mathematics Paper 2 (calculator)' on Monday 3rd June 2024 (this is a key revision session before the half term break the following week).
- Wednesday 5th June 2024 – 3.00pm-5.00pm – preparation for 'GCSE English Language - Writer's viewpoints and perspectives' on Thursday 6th June 2024.
- Friday 8th June 2024 – 3.00pm-4.00pm – preparation for 'GCSE Mathematics Paper 3 (calculator)' on Monday 10th June 2024.



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For these sessions there will be separate venues for pupils depending on the paper they are sitting for Maths (i.e. Foundation or Higher) or their mock score for English.

Breakfast Sessions

On all of the above dates there will be a breakfast session taking place from 8.00am-8.30am on the day of the examination (in some cases teachers may inform pupils the session starts earlier for those who want to attend). There will also be half term revision sessions which will be communicated with you and your child in the next two weeks.

GCSE Celebration Event

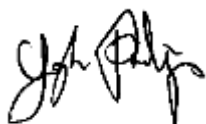
On Friday 14th June 2024 there will be a celebration event, which will include food and entertainment. This will be for all Year 11 pupils after their Physics examination, who have met the following criteria:

- Attended all their GCSE examinations (there will be no exceptions made to this criteria).
- Not been suspended during the summer term (there will be no exceptions made to this criteria).
- Attended all of the above revision sessions (there will be no exceptions made to this criteria).
- Attended all of the breakfast revision sessions for the above examinations (there will be no exceptions made to this criteria).
- Demonstrated good attendance to 'Golden Time' sessions after school, excellent punctuality and a positive attitude to learning (there will be no exceptions made to this criteria).
- Have above 95% attendance for the summer term (in exceptional cases where medical evidence has been provided allowances will be made, but please note that exceptions will not be made for GCSE examination days).

I would like to remind all parents again, that if a pupil does not attend any of their GCSE papers then parents will be charged for the cost of the examination. **Should a pupil miss any of their examinations they will also not be allowed to attend the Year 11 Prom.**

If you would like any further support regarding your child's final preparation for their GCSEs then please do not hesitate to contact your child's Head of House by calling 01902 558 222 (0121 366 7751 - temporary number) or emailing postbox@wednesfieldacademy.co.uk. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully



Mr J Phillips
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