

22 May 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

2 weeks down, 2.5 to go! I have been very proud of the conduct and resilience of our Year 11s this past fortnight. The pressure of these exams cannot be underestimated, and they are handling themselves impeccably. It has also been a pleasure to walk around the school as early as 8am and as late as 5pm to find last minute cram sessions packed to the rafters. I cannot wait to celebrate these efforts with them at the Leavers Assembly, Prom and Results Day.

# Half-Term Workshops

Once again, we are in the fortunate position of being able to offer Revision workshops over half-term. These have been extremely well attended this year and I know you will support the school by encouraging your child to attend this time too.

History Revision, 10:00-12:00, Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May. Maths Revision, 10:00-12:00, Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May. Further Maths Revision, 10:00-12:00, Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May.

All sessions will be based on the first floor of the Aspire building, students need to arrive via the St Mary's gate where they will be met by teachers and escorted to classrooms.

I have reattached an updated version of the Revision and Exams Timetable below this letter.

# Adjusted Timetable

From the end of the Physics Exam on 16<sup>th</sup> June, all year 11 students will be on an adjusted timetable. This means that outside of revision sessions and exams they will not need to be in school and will be able to sign out in order to study at home.

Between now and the 16<sup>th</sup> June, students should be attending a normal school day. Any student leaving school before this date for an appointment of any kind will need to evidence this to the attendance team.

# <u>Eid</u>

I am aware that we are approaching Eid and that students will be celebrating this with their families. A reminder that unfortunately religious celebrations are not seen as a reason to miss an exam and that any markings on hands or arms; such as henna, will mean that students will be unable to enter the exam hall.

## End of year Celebrations

**Leavers Assembly:** Leavers assembly will take place on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June from 10:00-11:20. Students attending will need to be in full uniform and enter via the fire exit doors of the main hall.

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**Prom:** The students are getting excited for Prom and over half of tickets have now sold. If your child has had a letter inviting them, please buy their ticket via PlusPay ASAP in order to not be disappointed.

**Results Day:** Results Day this year is 21<sup>st</sup> August. The school will be open for students to collect their results 9:00-11:00.

## **Returning resources**

I am sure that your child has a mountain of revision guides and workbooks. If they are able to bring these in before they leave school, they will be gratefully received as we will reuse them with the next year group. Likewise, if they have any spare uniform (particularly ties and blazers) please ask them to bring them in for the leavers assembly and we will ensure they are put to good use.

# Final note

There is little left for me to say at this point other than a heartfelt thank you. It has been an absolute honour to serve as this year group's Head of Year since the Spring Term of Year 10. Over the past 1.5 years, we've faced our fair share of challenges, but I truly believe we've emerged stronger, more resilient, and more united because of them.

I am incredibly proud of all we have achieved together. One of the greatest highlights of my time as Head of Year was hearing students say, "*Miss, you made us feel like a team, and we know you're fair and always hold us to account.*" That sentiment means everything to me—it reflects the trust, respect, and shared values we've built together.

**To the students:** I wish each and every one of you the very best of luck in your GCSE exams and in the exciting journey that lies beyond TPA. It has been a privilege to play a part in transforming your life chances, and I am so proud of the individuals you are becoming.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the incredible team of tutors who have supported this journey. Their dedication, care, and hard work have been instrumental every step of the way—I simply couldn't have done it without them.

I look forward to seeing many of you again in August as we come together to celebrate your child's successes on Results Day.

With very best wishes,

Fatim Cisse Head of Year 11

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Y11 Revision and Exams Timetable								
RED: EXAM BLUE: REVISION		School Day Timings (From 12th May)   P0: 8:00-8:30 P1: 8:30-9:00 P2: 9:00-10:00   P3: 10:00-11:00 P4: 11:2012:20 TTC-I: 12:20-12:30   P5: 1:00-2:00 P6: 2:00-3:00 P7: 3:00-4:00		<u>Exam Timings</u> AM Exams (P2&3): <mark>Quad at 8:30, exam starts at 9:00</mark> PM Exams (P5&6): <mark>Quad at 1:00, exam starts at 1:30</mark>				
Good Luck!	Tuesday 20th May P0: English Revision P2&3: English Literature Paper 2 P4: Computer Science Revision P4: PE Revision P5&6: Health and Fitness P5&6: Computer Science Paper 2 P6&7: French Revision	Wednesday 21st May P0: French Revision P2&3: French Paper 1&3 P4: RE Revision P4: Science Revision (Connect) P5: Physics Revision (Triple) P5&6: Re Component 2 P6&7: Science Revision (All)	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May P0: Science Revision P2&3: Physics Paper 1 P4: Media Revision P5&6: Media Paper 2 P6&7: English Revision	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May P0: English Revision P2&3: English Literature Paper 1	Weekend 24 <sup>th</sup> and 25 <sup>th</sup>			
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 10:00-12:00: History	<u>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May</u> 10:00-12:00: <u>Maths</u>	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	<u>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May</u> 10:00-12:00: Further Maths	Weekend 31 <sup>st</sup> and 1 <sup>st</sup>			
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June P0: Statistics Revision P2&3: Statistics Paper 1	<u>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</u> P6&7: Maths Revision	Wednesday 4th June P0: Maths Revision P2&3: Maths Paper 2 P4: RE Revision P5&6: RE Component 3 P6&7: History Revision	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> June P0: History Revision/ P1&2: History Component 2 P4: French Revision P5&6: French Paper 4 P6&7: English Revision	Friday 6th June P0: English Revision P2&3: English Language Paper 2 P4: Geography Revision P4&5: Science Revision (Connect & Triple) P6: Science Revision (All) P5&6: Geography Paper 2	Weekend 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup>			
Monday 9th June P0: Science Revision P2&3: Biology Paper 2 P6&7: Spanish Revision	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June P0: Spanish Revision P2&3: Spanish Paper 1&3 P6&7: Maths Revision	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June P0: Maths Revision P2&3: Maths Paper 3 P6&7: Geography Revision	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> June P0: Geography Revision P2&3: Geography Paper 3 P4: Further Maths Revision P5&6: Further Maths Paper 1 P4: Science Revision (Connect) P5: Science Revision (Triple) P6&7: Science Revision (All)	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June P0: Science Revision P2&3: Chemistry Paper 2 P4: Statistics Revision P4: Science Revision (Connect) P5: Science Revision (Triple) P4&5: Statistics Paper 2 P6&7: Science Revision (All)	Weekend 14 <sup>th</sup> and 15 <sup>th</sup>			
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> June P0: Science Revision P1&2: Physics Paper 2 P6&7: Spanish Revision	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June P0: Spanish Revision P2&3: Spanish Paper 4 P2,3&4: Food Revision P5&6: Food P4,5&6: DT Revision	<u>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June</u> P0: DT Revision P2&3: DT P4: Further Maths Revision P5&6: Further Maths	<u>Friday 20th June</u> 10:00-11:20: Leavers Assembly	<u>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June</u> 18:00-23:00: Prom	<u>Wednesday 21st August</u> 9:00-11:00: Results Day			