



25 April 2024

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

Arrangements for Study Leave for Year 11 and Year 13

We have now entered the final few weeks before public examinations commence. As we continue to work together to support all of our students to achieve the best outcomes possible in their upcoming examinations, I am writing to confirm some key events that will round off our drive to success at the end of this academic year.

As you will be aware, GCSE and A level examinations begin on **Thursday 9 May and end on Tuesday 25 June**. Exam timetables have been released by the exam boards and individual student examination timetables have already been issued by our Exams team. Each awarding body's timetables are available via the links below and you can view your child's individual timetable via the Arbor App.

- [Edexcel Exam Timetable](#)
- [AQA Exam Timetable](#)
- [Eduqas Exam Timetable](#)
- [WJEC Exam Timetable](#)

You may also wish to look at Ofqual's [2024 Student Guide](#) on this year's approach to exams.

Wednesday 26 June is the last day that a public examination may be sat and is referred to as a 'contingency day'. This means that in the unlikely event that an examination needs to be rescheduled during the series, it will be sat on this day. Students should not book holidays before the final contingency day and are asked to keep this day free.

Students are required to attend lessons up until the last day of full time education. For Year 11 this will be **Wednesday 8 May** and for Year 13 the final day of school will be **Friday 3 May**.

Following these dates, students are required to attend school only for examinations, however there will be Examination Preparation Sessions planned in school to support students' fine-tuning of technique and skills and there will be areas of the school which students can use for preparation and revision if they wish. These areas will be specified by the Heads of Year with further letters to students and parents.

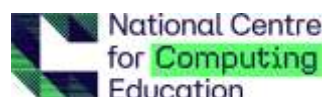
If students are coming into school, they are expected to attend in full uniform, and sign in and out via Main Reception. The Joint Qualifications Council have issued their guidance for candidates and this has been shared with students. Copies of the documents can be found [here](#).

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For Year 11

On Wednesday 8 May, students will spend the morning revising for their RPE Exam, they will then have an assembly led by Mr Koukouvitakis and Ms Dalton, who will welcome them into our Sixth Form. Students are expected to attend in full uniform, however, they will be able to sign shirts and celebrate with friends and staff during the afternoon before they are dismissed. Any student not adhering to uniform or behaviour expectations will not be allowed to attend the assembly.

Details of our Sixth Form Induction programme and bridging work, designed to support students' transition between GCSE and A level studies, will be provided by the Sixth Form Team shortly. Each department sets their own bridging work which needs to be completed over the summer and prior to the commencement of A level courses. This will be assessed in the Autumn Term when students return in Year 12.

The Sixth Form team will shortly contact all students holding offers for our Sixth Form to outline the arrangements for our Transition days during the first week of July.

GCSE Results Day is on **Thursday 22 August**. Results will be available from 8.30am and this will be followed by Sixth Form enrolment here at school. Further details will be provided by our Sixth Form Team with the Induction and Enrolment arrangements.

For Year 13

On Friday 3 May, students will spend the morning in the Sixth Form Centre in their form groups. They will then have an assembly led by Ms Dalton where they will look back over their time at Newstead. Students are expected to attend in full uniform, however, they will be able to sign shirts and celebrate with friends and staff during the morning before they are dismissed. Any student not adhering to uniform or behaviour expectations will not be allowed to attend the assembly.

A level Results Day is on **Thursday 15 August**. Results will be available from 7.45am. Further details will be provided in due course. As usual, support with university entry and the clearing process will be available from the Sixth Form Team following release of results.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'AB', followed by a long, wavy horizontal line.

Alan Blount
Headteacher