

29 April 2021

Dear Parent or Carer,

RE: End of Year 11 Arrangements

As we near the start of GCSE examinations, we would like to congratulate Year 11 on their positive attitude towards their GCSE studies. We have been extremely impressed by their hard work and delighted with the number of students who have engaged in our Easter boosters and Period 6 programme. 174 Year 11 students have accessed 3710 hours of consolidation lessons in twelve weeks. We have a number of Year 11 students who have impressively attended over 40 Period 6 sessions, averaging at three or more sessions a week, and these students have been given a reward for having the highest attendance to these sessions. Period 6 lessons will continue to run until May half term and our final Period 6 session will be on Friday 27 May.

We will be running two final boosters for English Literature and maths in the run up to the exams:

- English Literature – Saturday 21 May (9 am – 12 pm) in East building
- Maths – Saturday 11 June (9 am – 12 pm) in North building

All students are invited to both of these sessions and we strongly recommend that they attend. The purpose of these boosters is to complement your child's independent revision, revising key elements of the courses (with a focus on the advanced information given to us by the exam boards) and using revision strategies to set them up for their examinations in these subjects in the week that follows.

We would also like to take this opportunity to inform you of the end of term arrangements for our Year 11 students. Firstly, we would like to celebrate the achievements of our Year 11 students by holding a leavers assembly on Friday 13 May. This will take place Period 4 in East Hall. After the assembly, there will be an opportunity for students to sign each other's shirts (students must bring a spare shirt if they wish to have it signed) and share good luck messages. Year 11 will be allowed to leave site once their assembly is finished.

On Monday 16 May GCSE examinations start. Year 11 students are expected to attend school as normal until Friday 10 June and when students are not sitting an examination, they are expected to attend their normal timetabled lessons. Friday 10 June will be students' last day following their normal timetable. From Monday 13 June, students will only be expected to be in school when they have examinations, though a quiet space for independent revision will be available if students would like to work in

school before or after an exam. We will be running some revision boosters prior to the final exams that will take place in the week after this and we will confirm these details with students nearer the time.

As your child's GCSE studies come to a close, it is vital that all English books are returned prior to students leaving school to enable next year's GCSE students to use them. We therefore request that, if your child has taken copies of *Macbeth* and *A Christmas Carol* out of the library, these are returned to library (alongside any other loaned books) by Friday 10 June. Students can return books during any lunchtime. If any of the books have been lost they will need to be paid for and students or parents should e-mail library@driffieldschool.org.uk for price details.

Some students have loaned chrome books this year and these will also need to be returned to school before students leave. These should be returned to Mrs Worthington, in West building, on the day of your child's last examination.

We will also be writing to you in the near future with details on our Sixth Form transition event that will take place in the summer term. During our transition programme, students will be able to make full use of the Sixth Form facilities and attend a wide range of taster lessons.

Finally, thank you for your consistent support throughout your child's time at Driffield School and Sixth Form. We wish all of our Year 11 students the best of luck in their upcoming examinations and look forward to many of them returning to our Sixth Form in September.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs V Loftus
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