

16 April 2024

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 students 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 the after school and lunchtime revision programme on offer. Over 160 Year 11 students attended booster session during the Easter Holidays and our lunch time and twilight revision sessions will continue to run until May half term.

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

- English Language – Saturday 1 June (9 am – 12 pm) in East building
- Maths – Saturday 8 June (9 am – 12 pm) in North building

All students are invited to both 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 and using revision strategies to set them up for their examinations in these subjects in the week that follows. Further details regarding these boosters will be shared with you in due course.

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 the afternoon of Thursday 6 June. This will take place after the English Language Paper 2 GCSE exam. 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 students will be allowed to leave site once their assembly and shirt signing is finished at around 2.30 pm. On Friday 7 June we will be offering biology revision sessions in the morning in preparation for the biology paper 2 GCSE exam in the afternoon. Invitation to this session will be open to all Year 11 students and details will follow in a separate letter.

GCSE examinations start on Thursday 9 May and Year 11 students are expected to attend school as normal until Thursday 6 June. When not sitting an examination, they are expected to attend their normal timetabled lessons. The morning of Thursday 6 June will be students' last day following their normal timetable. From Friday 7 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.

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 your child's borrowed copies of Macbeth, An Inspector Calls and A Christmas Carol are returned by Monday 20 May (the date of their second English Literature exam). Students can return books during any lunchtime prior to this date and can also check which books they have on loan from the library. 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 Miss Baker, in the IT office 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Holmes', written in a cursive style.

Mr M Holmes
Deputy Headteacher