

25 April 2025

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 the after school and lunchtime revision programme on offer. Over 180 Year 11 students (80% of the year group) attended booster sessions during the Easter Holiday. Our lunch time and twilight revision sessions will continue to run until May half term.

I shared in my earlier communications that we will be running two Saturday boosters, one for English language and one for maths, prior to the final exam papers in those subjects. I'm delighted to say we are now also in a position to add an additional third Saturday booster date, taking place the Saturday before the English literature paper 1 exam on Monday 12 May. The dates and times of these boosters are:

- English Literature Paper 1 – Saturday 10 May (9 am – 11 am)
- English Language Paper 2 – Saturday 31 May (9 am – 11 am)
- Maths – Saturday 7 June (9 am – 12 noon)

All Year 11 students are invited to all three 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 and using revision strategies to set them up for their examinations in these subjects in the week that follows. Further details and the sign-up form for the English boosters have been shared with you earlier this week. Details of the maths booster and the sign-up sheet will be shared in due course.

On the morning of Tuesday 29 April, all Year 11 students will take part in a walking, talking English Language mock. This twist on a traditional mock exam will involve the students working through an English language exam paper with a member of the English teaching team delivering advice on how to approach the exam questions, giving guidance on how to plan and structure their answers and sharing the key elements to include within the answers to maximise the potential marks they will achieve.

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 Wednesday 11 June. This will take place after the maths paper 3 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.

GCSE examinations start on Friday 9 May and Year 11 students are expected to attend school as normal until Wednesday 11 June. When not sitting an examination, they are expected to attend their normal timetabled lessons. The morning of Wednesday 11 June will be students' last day following their normal timetable. From Thursday 12 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 Tuesday 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](mailto: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