11th May 2023

Dear Year 11 Parents,

On behalf of all the staff at Okehampton College, we wish your child all the best for each of their upcoming exams; the Year 11 pupils continue to impress us with their preparation and hard work to achieve their very best.

Our aim is to continue our support for their exams through revision during their timetabled lessons. During the exam period Year 11 pupils will attend school as normal, from 8.40am to 3.20pm each day.  Pupils will attend their exams during the school day, as scheduled. If they don't have a scheduled exam, they will attend their timetabled lessons as normal. Teachers will continue to support their learning and preparation towards their exams during these lessons. This process mirrors the two series of mock exams during Year 11, and therefore should add familiarity and consistency to their exam approach.

When needed, we have scheduled specific subject enhanced sessions, led by departments. These will coincide with the preparation for their exam and will be shared through Classcharts and email. These will take place during the school day.

Where your child has an afternoon exam starting at 1pm, we have brought forward their 2nd break to 12.15pm until 12.45pm. This is to ensure that have a break before their exam. All other pupils will have their break at the normal time.

As the exam period draws to an end, not all pupils will have exams to attend.  Therefore, the final day for all Year 11 pupils to attend school full time will be Thursday 15th June 2023, this will also be the date of their final assembly. Any exams after that date, Year 11 pupils will have study leave and should only attend school for their exams. Please contact us if your child will need to stay in school for the entire day and cannot get home due to transport after the 19th June 2023.

Please support your child by ensuring they are prepared by -

1. Having some independent revision resources with them each day.
2. Full equipment for their exams.
3. Wearing their full school uniform (this will be needed to enter the exams).
4. Continue to meet our high expectations of behaviour and conduct.

We all know that this is an important time for your child, and they can feel some pressure.

We will be doing our best to support them and this is through a calm, familiar and consistent approach to their exams, which they have practiced this year.

If you have any questions, please contact their tutor or Head of Year.

Kind regards

**Mr D White**

**Assistant Principal**