

The Sir John Colfox Academy



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Dear Parents

RE: Year 11 End of Year Arrangements

Hello all

With only seven weeks left until the GCSE exams begin, I thought I would take this opportunity to outline some key dates and events which are taking place between now and the end of the school year:

1. Easter revision sessions for GCSE subjects will be taking place throughout the holiday. Please use the attached timetable to identify any sessions that you would like to attend.
2. GCSE exams begin on Thursday May 13th 2019 and end on Friday June 14th 2019. Students will be expected to attend school until Friday 24th May 2019, after which they will have 'study leave' until the end of the exams. A programme of revision sessions will run in school when study leave begins, which we strongly encourage students to attend. This will include a series of 'walking talking mocks' in Core subjects (English, Maths and Science), which are designed to give students a sense of what to expect in each part of the exam in these subjects. We will also provide quiet spaces where students can revise on their own during the school day. Many students find that they are able to avoid distractions more effectively if they revise in school during study leave.
3. Students are expected to attend all of their exams. We invoice parents for any absence from exams in order to recoup the cost of entry for each paper. The only reason for missing an exam is a serious medical emergency, for which we would expect students to provide a medical certificate to excuse the absence (in these rare cases, we would not expect students to reimburse us for the cost of a missed exam). Exam certificates will not be released to students unless we have received payment for any missed exams. Attendance to the exams is also required in order for students to attend the end-of-exam exam celebrations and Year 11 Prom.
4. There will be a leavers' assembly and celebration on Friday June 14th 2019. Students can expect to leave the site by approximately 2pm that day. These celebrations are designed to enable students to relax after a challenging few months and are special occasions which we want all to attend. They are a lovely opportunity for students to say goodbye to teachers and tutors that they have known during their time with us.
5. The Year 11 Prom will take place on Thursday 20th June 2019, at Haselbury Mill. Mr. Bartlett will confirm booking details early in the summer term.

This is a very busy time of year for students, with coursework, revision and intervention session all running alongside their normal extra-curricular commitments. Please contact me if you would like to discuss how best to help your child prepare for the summer exams.

Best wishes

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Morning sessions run from 9:00am to 12:00pm

Afternoon sessions run from 1:00pm to 3:00pm

Date	Subject	Teacher	Time	Location
Monday 8th April	Geography	AN	All day	A102
Tuesday 9th April	PE	JM / SM	All day	B214 and B215
Wednesday 10th April	Engineering / Product Design	SW	All day	C101
Thursday 11th April	English	TRN	Morning	B210
Friday 12th April				
Monday 15th April				
Tuesday 16th April	History		Morning	A105 and A106
Wednesday 17th April				
Thursday 18th April	Art	LTB / KFM	Morning	C204
	Music	BWH	Afternoon	B205