



30th September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Year 11 Information: Transition and Information Evening Recording, Year 11 GCSE Exams and Changes to Core PE Home Arrangements

Year 11 Transition and Information Evening Recording

Normally, at this time of year, we would be inviting you to attend a Transition and Information Evening on the school site as we lay out what the year ahead is going to look like. Unfortunately, due to the current restrictions and guidance, we are unable to have these meetings face-to-face on the school site. However, we have recorded the session and you can access this recording by following this link: <https://youtu.be/v49q-0Wqbz8>

Year 11 Pre Public Exams (PPEs)
Monday 5th October to Friday 16th October 2020

In addition to the recording, we would like to draw your attention to the forthcoming PPEs to be taken by all Year 11 students from Monday 5th October – Friday 16th October 2020. These exams will give their teachers information about where they are and how to support them going forward.

In light of the current situation, we will be running the exam hall at 50% capacity and therefore the full cohort exams will be split into two sittings, so it is very important that each student follows their own exam timetable. The following will facilitate this:

- The first week of the exams (week commencing 5th October), the students will only come on-site to sit their exams - at other times they should study at home.
- The second week of the exams (week commencing 12th October), the students will be on-site every day and attend their lessons or exams as appropriate.

As I am sure you are aware, these are very important examinations for the school and the students. Therefore it is essential, that students prepare thoroughly and do the very best they can. These exams will provide the students with the experience of taking their examinations in the Sports Hall, which will be of value to them when they come to prepare for and sit the real examinations next summer. Students should arrive promptly to school having looked closely at the examination timetable beforehand. The location, duration and start time of each examination is indicated on the timetable. Students have also been given their own personal



timetables. **Students will enter the school via the Sports Hall gate for the exams during the first week.**

These examinations will be treated in the same way as formal GCSE's and, therefore, expectations regarding behaviour will be as stringent as during the real examinations. Silence must be maintained from the time of lining up to enter the examination room, throughout the examination and until after leaving the examination room. All students must wear full school uniform. **Mobile phones must be switched off and left, along with wrist watches and any notes, in bags or jackets at the side of the examination room.**

Please ensure that your child arrives properly equipped. They will need at least 2 pens (black ink only), HB pencils, **CALCULATOR**, eraser, ruler, protractor and compasses. **We are not able to lend equipment to the students at the current time.**

We are taking this opportunity to provide you and your son/daughter with information issued by JCQ regarding expectations in relation to written examinations. In particular, I would like to emphasise the need for students not to take their mobile phones into the examination room. This is a requirement of all examination boards and failure to comply with the regulation could have serious ramifications concerning the awarding of qualifications next summer.

If your child is unwell on the day of an exam, please report their absence as normal. If they are displaying Covid symptoms, please follow the guidance in this letter previously sent out <https://rodingvalley.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Coronavirus-Absence-Advice-letter-Sept-2020.pdf>

Changes to Core PE Home Arrangements

Finally, from week commencing 19th October, Year 11s will no longer be leaving the site when they would have had Core PE lessons. During this time (2pm – 3pm) on a Monday or a Tuesday, the students will be having additional English, Maths or Science intervention. The Wednesday and Thursday sessions till 4pm will continue, with students doing their intervention with support as needed in most subjects during that time.

A personalised intervention and support timetable will be given to each of the students so that they know where they will need to be.

If you have any questions or queries regarding the above video, examinations or intervention programme, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully




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