ASHLYNS SCHOOL



February 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Additional Trial Exams for Maths and English: Extended Learning Day 5 March 2024

As you may be aware from previous years, on Extended Learning Days the whole school timetable is suspended to enable our students to participate in a programme of activities, appropriate to their Key Stage, which is tailored to support their learning.

Year 11 students will therefore take two additional trial exams on the Extended Learning Day; English Language (Paper 2) and Mathematics (calculator).

This will provide students and teachers with valuable feedback on their progress since the trial exams in November, identifying any further areas for improvement and potential key focuses for revision in the remaining weeks as we approach the exams.

On the Extended Learning Day, students will be due into school by 9.25am ready to start their first exam at 9.40am. The Mathematics paper will take place after an early lunch and students will be free to leave school when this finishes at approximately 2.30pm*.

The late start and early finish reflect the effort and exemplary attitude towards these exams that we know our students will display.

Students should attend in full school uniform; please also ensure your child has a full set of equipment with them on the day. They should ensure they bring their own calculator, in order to familiarise themselves with working with that calculator under exam conditions in preparation for the GCSE.

In preparation for this, please take the opportunity to discuss a structured revision timetable with your child, using the advice and guidance received at the recent Raising Achievement evening. If your child needs revision help or support, Session 6 runs every night except Friday in the LRC. There is also a full timetable of subject specific revision <u>sessions</u>; please do encourage your child to attend.

Thank you for continuing to support your child through this busy and important time.

*students with access arrangements who have extra time will leave slightly later.

Yours sincerely

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