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15th May 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

GCSE Summer Examinations

The GCSE summer exam series is now upon us as we help your child navigate their way through this busy time. We wish all of our Year 11 students the very best of luck for their upcoming exams and will continue to support them with their studies. **Year 11 students will break up for study leave on Wednesday the 24th of May 1.00pm.**

Throughout the examination period, students sitting exams during the afternoon session will leave the school site straight after each exam, this may mean that your child will leave before 3pm on some occasions.

Your child will have already had a paper copy of their exam timetable and you and your child will also be able to access this information through the Edulink app. The Edulink app contains all of the dates, times and seat numbers for each of your child's exams. There is also a copy of the full exam timetable on the school website if you follow this link: [Examinations 2023 – Oldbury Academy](#) or go to the school website, click About Us, then click Examinations 2023.

Please ensure that your child is equipped and ready for their exams, this will include some of the following points:

- Make sure they have their personal exam timetable and know ahead of time where and when their exams are, including when they need to arrive.
- Ensure that they have written a personal revision timetable and they are following it!
- Know what equipment they are allowed to take in for each exam - this includes calculators for Maths, Science, and Geography exams. (Do not rely on the school to give you equipment).
- Use a clear pencil case and, if you need water, this should be in a transparent bottle with no writing and the label removed.
- Don't take a mobile phone, watch or any communication device into an exam, even if it is switched off, as you could lose marks or be disqualified.
- When you receive your exam paper, check it has the correct information on it for example, date, name and tier of exam.
- If you are not sure about anything, raise this immediately with the exam invigilator.
- listen carefully and follow all instructions given by the exam invigilator.

Your child will have received lots of resources to help them with their revision, across the range of their subjects. These resources will be both paper based and internet based via the multiple platforms that we use to support students with their learning, such as Mathswatch, Pixl, Youtube, and Seneca Learning. Please ensure that your child has formulated a well organise revision timetable

over the coming weeks, through the half term holiday and beyond. This will be imperative to maximising their success.

If there is anything that we can do to help and further support your child during this period, please don't hesitate to contact us and we will be happy to help.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Cresswell', written in a cursive style.

Mr S Cresswell
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