



November 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Arrangements for Winter Exams

Internal school exams will take place from **Monday 23 – Friday 27 November** (inclusive).

In the current circumstances, it is particularly important that we ensure the integrity of this exam series for Years 11 – 14. We are also conscious that Year 8 and 9 pupils are still adapting to the demands and pressures of secondary school and that the whole school community is operating under increased restrictions due to the pandemic.

Therefore, we have put the following arrangements in place for the Winter Exams:

- Pupils in Year 8 will complete their English and Mathematics exams under examination conditions on Monday 23 November. They will finish school at 12.25pm and revise at home from Tuesday 24 – Friday 27 November (inclusive). Exams for all other subjects will take place in class time the following week.
- Pupils in Year 9 will revise at home on Monday 23 November. They will complete their English and Mathematics exams under examination conditions on Tuesday 24 November and finish school at 12.25pm that day. They will revise at home from Wednesday 25 – Friday 27 November (inclusive). Exams for all other subjects will take place in class time the following week.
- Pupils in Year 10 will complete timetabled exams in a range of subjects from Monday 23 - Friday 27 November. They will finish school each day at 1pm.
- Pupils in Years 11 and 12 will only attend school for timetabled exams.
- Pupils in Years 13 and 14 will only attend school for timetabled exams.
- Canteen facilities will be available in school at lunchtime.
- The Belfast Bus Company will pick up pupils at 1.15pm each day during exam week. The usual service will also be available at the end of the day.

Normal school timetables will resume for all pupils on Monday 30 November.

Timetables will be distributed to pupils by the end of this week. They will also be available on the school website.

As always, the Winter Exams will provide a useful opportunity to assess and monitor pupil progress. Please encourage your daughter to prepare thoroughly for her assessments.

Yours faithfully

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