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Year 11 update

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Dear pupil and parent,

Principal: Mrs Nicola Walker

Y11 have now completed their final set of PPEs and with the summer exams fast approaching I wanted to write to you with some crucial information to assist with your preparations over the coming weeks and months. Hopefully this letter will cover the vast majority of questions you might have at this stage but, as ever, I am available by email should you require any further help or advice bjilder@horbury.accomat.org

Timeline to the summer – Please see below for an overview of key dates for your diaries.

Monday 18 March – Y11 PPE Results Day and Y11 Parents' Evening, you will receive their final data collection report on this day in preparation for the parents evening. This is a crucial event for those final discussions around preparation for the summer exam series.

Easter Holidays 25 March – 5 April – Easter college, throughout the two-week Easter break there will be numerous opportunities for pupils to work with their teachers, and subjects will be in contact shortly to invite pupils to their sessions.

Please note that pupils are not expected to attend all of these sessions, and places will be offered by the subjects on **an invitation basis**. Each subject will invite pupils to their session based on the focus for that particular session. You should expect to hear from the subject areas in due course with details of times and places for their Easter college offer.

However, for forward planning parents have asked for an overview of which subjects are on which days and so I include an overview here. Please note that Easter College runs from 9am-2pm and pupils will need to bring their own lunch as catering services will not be available. Pupils are not required to wear uniform.

Monday 25th March	Tuesday 26th March	Wednesday 27th March	Thursday 28th March	Friday 29th March	Tuesday 2nd April	Wednesday 3rd April	Thursday 4th April	Friday 5th April
History (all day) Science (am only)	Maths (am only) Higher 9:15-10:30 Foundation 10:45-12 DT (all day)	Sociology (pm only) Art (all day) Sport (all day) DT (all day)			English (all day)	Business Studies Perf Arts (all day) Sport (all day)	French (am only) Spanish (am only) Geography (all day) Science (pm only)	Science (am only)

It is also important that pupils rest and recuperate during the Easter break and so pupils will not be invited to all of the sessions. However, pupils do also need to ensure that they have begun their own revision and preparation for the Summer and the Easter holidays is a good opportunity to plan and organise their revision schedule. To support this process I refer parents and pupils back to the earlier evenings such as Preparing to Succeed evening in January and HTHYCS evening back in October.

In addition, please can I remind pupils and their parents of the booklet released earlier in the year and found here: <https://horbury.accomat.org/hthyics> This contains lots of hints, tips and links to further support.

There is also a section on the school website where some revision strategies can be downloaded found here: <https://horbury.accomat.org/exams/>

Return from Easter 8 April – 8 May - After Easter there is 4 weeks of final preparations in school before the formal examinations begin, this time will be used to help them revise, finalise portfolios and for some subjects, begin the final assessments. During this period of time, some pupils will be involved in assessments such as:

- Art and Photography 10-hour exams taking place between **15 April and 26 April**

- French and Spanish speaking exams taking place between **22 April and 26 April**

The summer examinations will run from Thursday 9 May until Thursday 20 June. However, for most pupils, the final exam will be Friday 14 June in the afternoon and this also represents the last day for most Year 11 pupils. Pupils will be required to attend the academy **as normal every day until this date**. I will write to you closer to the time with the final arrangements and details around Y11 examinations, leaving dates and times.

However, the exam boards have designated **Wednesday 26 June as a 'contingency day'** within the summer examination timetable in the event of national or significant local disruption to examinations. Pupils must remain available until Wednesday 26 June should an awarding body need to invoke its contingency plan.

Please find below a copy of the summer exam timetable. I will also write to you closer to the time with a full breakdown of day-by-day activities for Year 11 as **we will make significant changes to the timetable to fully support their priorities at this time, including times of breaks and lunch, and expectations around the start and end of the day.**

Date	AM Exam (9am)	PM Exam (1pm)
Thursday 9 May 2024	Engineering Design 1h15	
Friday 10 May 2024	Biology Paper 1 1h45/1h15	Sociology 1 1h45
Monday 13 May 2024	English Literature Paper 1 1h45	Sport Studies 1h15
Tuesday 14 May 2024	French Listening 35m/45m and Reading 45m/1h	Business Paper 1 2h
Wednesday 15 May 2024	History Paper 1 1h15	Computing Paper 1 1h30
Thursday 16 May 2024	Maths Paper 1 1h30	
Friday 17 May 2024	Chemistry Paper 1 1h45/1h15	Geography Paper 1 1h30
Monday 20 May 2024	English Literature Paper 2 2h15	Sport Science 1h15
Tuesday 21 May 2024	Enterprise and Marketing 1h15	Computing Paper 2 2h Sociology 2 1h45
Wednesday 22 May 2024	Physics Paper 1 1h45/1h15	
Thursday 23 May 2024	English Language Paper 1 1hr45	
Friday 24 May 2024	French Writing 1h/1h15	
Half Term		
Monday 03 June 2024	Maths Paper 2 1hr30	
Tuesday 04 June 2024	Spanish Listening 35m/45m and Reading 45m/1h	History Paper 2 1h45
Wednesday 05 June 2024	Geography Paper 2 1hr30	Business Paper 2 1hr30
Thursday 06 June 2024	English Language Paper 2 1h45	Exam Contingency Afternoon
Friday 07 June 2024		Biology Paper 2 1hr45/1hr15
Monday 10 June 2024	Maths Paper 3 1hr30	Spanish Writing 1h/1h15 iMedia 1h30
Tuesday 11 June 2024	Chemistry Paper 2 1hr45/1hr15	History Paper 3 1h20 Further Maths Paper 1 1h45
Wednesday 12 June 2024		Polish Listening 35m/45m and Reading 45m/1h

Thursday 13 June 2024		Exam Contingency Afternoon
Friday 14 June 2024	Geography Paper 3 1h30	Physics Paper 2 1h45/1h15
Monday 17 June 2024		Music 1hr30
Tuesday 18 June 2024		Polish Writing 1h/1h15m
Wednesday 19 June 2024	Further Maths Paper 2 1h45	
Thursday 20 June 2024	Hospitality and Catering 1h20	
Wednesday 26 June 2024	Exam Contingency Day	

May Half-Term Holidays 27 May – 31 May Much like February and Easter, there will be a full programme of support available over the break. I will write to you closer to the time with further details of this.

Thursday 20 June 2pm – Y11 Leavers assembly, an opportunity to come back to the academy one more time to say a fond farewell to friends and staff. Further details to follow

Thursday 27 June Prom - Once the exams are all over it is time to celebrate our time together with the annual Year 11 Prom. This has now been booked for **Thursday 27 June at Bagden Hall**. We would really like to see as many of our pupils there and the excitement has already begun to grow. Further details regarding this event will follow in the next few weeks.

Thursday 22 August Results Day – This will be held on site, with further details to follow.

There will be several other letters over the next few weeks with specific details about a number of these events as well as a detailed examinations letter which outlines the expectations for formally taking their final exams as well as a guide for parents and pupils in the form of a booklet. But hopefully this initial letter outlines the overview of what to expect.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents for their support so far this year and look forward to continuing to work with you to ensure that every pupil achieves the outcomes they deserve.

Yours faithfully



Mr B Gilder
Vice Principal

