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FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE PERSON WITH PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY AND STUDENTS

In the past few weeks our Year 11 have been sitting mock examinations. We are still asked to retain these papers (as they will be used in the event that examinations are cancelled), but staff are working hard to share these with students so that they can see what they need to focus on for the summer. Behaviour during the mock examinations has been excellent. We will be reminding students of the strict rules around examinations after Easter.

However, many students have failed to bring the correct equipment in preparation for their examination so we would ask that you ensure they have the following in the summer:

- Black pen
- Pencil
- Rubber
- Large ruler
- Highlighter (optional but highly recommended)
- If they want to use a pencil case it must be a clear pencil case (any other pencil case is prohibited)
- Geometry set (optional)
- Scientific calculator (strongly recommended)

Essential Message

Some students believe that anything below a grade 4 is classed as a 'fail'. Please explain to your child **that only a 'U' grade is a failure to pass**, and that many application forms for employers only ask for the number of GCSEs and not the specific grades. It is important for your child to try to achieve the highest grades that they can. The higher the grades that a student achieves, the more opportunities they will have as they move forward.

It is essential that our Year 11 students feel supported in making the best efforts in the summer examinations. We know that it has been stressful, but good organisation and planning can really help to prevent additional stress and anxiety. Helping your child to plan their revision, using the attached examination schedule, is a good way for them to break down the work that they need to do.

Teachers will be helping students to plan revision in school and providing students with materials to use to support their revision at home.

Examination Topics and Support

Examination boards have now released their topic lists and support information. This has been shared with students by their subject staff, but you can access this information by following the link here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/subject-by-subject-support-for-gcse-as-and-a-level-students-in-2022>



If you have any questions regarding the topics or support provided, please ask your child to seek clarification from their teacher or you can email the school on: office@biddulphhigh.co.uk (please put your email FAO and the name of the subject teacher so that it can be directed quickly).

An overview of examination boards will be in the Year 11 examination section of our website from next week.

Summer Examination Season

The timetable for summer examinations is attached to this letter. Please note that GCSE examinations are highlighted in green and A-Level/BTEC L3 examinations are highlighted in yellow. A more detailed timetable will be given to students in school before the end of this term.

It has been decided that **Year 11 will have a formal leaving date of Friday 27th May**. Their 'Leavers Celebration' will take place before this, as formal examinations will begin at the beginning of May. The expectation is that students will attend school fully up until that date, either to attend lessons or to sit examinations. When in school (including for examinations) students are expected to wear full school uniform at all times. Following the May half-term break, students will still be asked to attend lessons/revision sessions in subjects where they still have examinations and a timetable for these will be sent to you after the Easter break.

Once a student has completed all of their examinations, they do not need to attend school.

Conditions around attendance to the Year 11 Prom at Keele Hall have been shared with students. Students who fail to meet our expectations will have their ticket withdrawn.

Post-16 Options

If your child has not yet organised a place at either Biddulph High Sixth Form, at college, or an apprenticeship/work they will be seen by our Careers Officer, Miss Goodwin, who will help them to consider their options. We have a full range of courses on offer in our Sixth Form and any student who has not applied is still welcome to see Mrs Taylor (Head of Sixth Form) about this. It is now compulsory for students to remain in education, employment or training until the age of 18.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns at office@biddulphhigh.co.uk

Yours sincerely,



Mrs E Robinson
Headteacher





| DATE | START TIME: 9.00 AM | Length of exam in hours | START TIME: 1.00 PM | Length of exam in hours |
|----------------------|--|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Wednesday 27th April | Y12 BTEC Art Unit 1 | 3.00 | | |
| Tuesday 3rd May | Y13 BTEC Business Unit 6 resit Y13 BTEC Art Unit 2 resit Y12 BTEC Art Unit 2 resit | 3.00 | | |
| Monday 9th May | | | Y12 BTEC Sport Unit 2 | 2.30 |
| Tuesday 10th May | Y13 BTEC Science Unit 3 resit | 3.00 | | |
| Tuesday 10th May | Y12 BTEC Business Unit 2 | 3.00 | | |
| Wednesday 11th May | Y11 BTEC Health & Social unit 3 resit | 2.00 | | |
| Thursday 12th May | Y11 BTEC Digital IT unit 3 resit | 1.30 | Y12 BTEC IT Unit 2 | 3.00 |
| Friday 13th May | Y12 BTEC IT Unit 2 | 2.00 | | |
| Monday 16th May | Y12 BTEC Health & Social Unit 1 resit | 1.30 | GCE Further Maths paper 1 | 1.40 |
| Monday 16th May | | | Y12 BTEC Sport Unit 1 | 1.30 |
| Monday 16th May | | | GCSE Computer Science paper 1 | 1.30 |
| Tuesday 17th May | GCSE Biology H & F paper 1 | 1.45 | GCSE Latin | 1.30 |
| Tuesday 17th May | GCSE Combined Science Bio H & F paper 1 | 1.10 | | |
| Wednesday 18th May | GCSE English Language paper 1 | 1.45 | GCSE German Listening F | 0.35 |
| Wednesday 18th May | | | GCSE German Reading F | 0.45 |
| Wednesday 18th May | | | GCSE German Listening H | 0.45 |
| Wednesday 18th May | | | GCSE German Reading H | 1.00 |
| Thursday 19th May | GCSE History paper 1 | 1.00 | Y13 BTEC Sport Unit 22 resit | 3.00 |
| Thursday 19th May | Y12 BTEC Business Unit 3 resit | 2.00 | | |
| Friday 20th May | GCSE Maths H & F paper 1 | 1.30 | Y13 BTEC Health & Social Unit 2 resit | 1.30 |
| Friday 20th May | | | GCSE Business paper 1 | 1.45 |
| Monday 23rd May | GCSE Geography paper 1 | 1.30 | GCE Further Maths paper 2 | 1.40 |
| Monday 23rd May | GCE Sociology paper 1 | 2.00 | | |
| Tuesday 24th May | GCE Psychology paper 1 | 2.00 | GCSE PE paper 1 | 1.15 |
| Wednesday 25th May | GCSE English Literature paper 1 | 1.40 | GCE Business paper 1 | 2.00 |
| Wednesday 25th May | GCE English Language paper 1 | 2.30 | Y13 GCE Further Maths Core Pure 1 | 1.30 |
| Thursday 26th May | GCE History paper 1 | 2.30 | GCE Physics paper 1 | 2.15 |
| Thursday 26th May | Y12 BTEC Science Unit 1 | 1.30 | GCE PE paper 1 | 2.00 |
| Friday 27th May | GCE Geography paper 1 | 2.15 | GCSE Computer Science paper 2 | 1.30 |
| Friday 27th May | GCSE Chemistry H & F paper 1 | 1.45 | | |
| Friday 27th May | GCSE Combined Science Chem H & F paper 1 | 1.10 | | |
| HALF TERM | Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June | | | |

| DATE | START TIME: 9.00 AM | Length of exam in hours | START TIME: 1.00 PM | Length of exam in hours |
|---------------------|--|-------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| Monday 6th June | GCSE German Writing F | 1.05 | GCE English Language paper 2 | 2.30 |
| Monday 6th June | GCSE German Writing H | 1.20 | | |
| Monday 6th June | GCSE Latin x2 papers | 2.00 | | |
| Tuesday 7th June | GCSE Maths H & F paper 2 | 1.30 | GCSE Geography paper 2 | 1.30 |
| Tuesday 7th June | GCE English Literature paper 1 | 3.00 | GCE Mathematics paper 1 | 2.00 |
| Tuesday 7th June | | | GCE Sociology paper 2 | 2.00 |
| Wednesday 8th June | GCSE English Literature paper 2 | 1.45 | GCE Geography paper 2 | 2.15 |
| Wednesday 8th June | GCE Psychology paper 2 | 2.00 | | |
| Thursday 9th June | GCE Business paper 2 | 2.00 | GCSE Physics H & F paper 1 | 1.45 |
| Thursday 9th June | | | GCSE Combined Science Phys H & F paper 1 | 1.10 |
| Thursday 9th June | | | GCE Biology paper 1 | 2.15 |
| Friday 10th June | GCSE English Language paper 2 | 1.45 | GCSE PE paper 2 | 1.15 |
| Friday 10th June | GCE History paper 2 | 2.30 | GCE Physics paper 2 | 2.15 |
| Friday 10th June | GCE PE paper 2 | 2.00 | Y12 BTEC IT Unit 1 resit | 2.00 |
| Monday 13th June | GCSE Maths H & F paper 3 | 1.30 | GCSE Business paper 2 | 1.45 |
| Monday 13th June | GCE Chemistry paper 1 | 2.15 | GCE Computer Science paper 1 | 2.30 |
| Monday 13th June | GCE Sociology paper 3 | 2.00 | | |
| Tuesday 14th June | GCSE Geography paper 3 | 1.30 | GCE Mathematics paper 2 | 2.00 |
| Wednesday 15th June | GCSE Biology paper 2 | 1.45 | Y13 GCE Further Maths Further Pure 1 | 1.30 |
| Wednesday 15th June | GCSE Combined Science Bio H & F paper 2 | 1.10 | | |
| Thursday 16th June | GCE Physics paper 3 | 1.30 | GCE Business paper 3 | 2.00 |
| Thursday 16th June | GCE Psychology paper 3 | 2.00 | | |
| Friday 17th June | GCE Biology paper 2 | 2.15 | GCE Geography paper 3 | 2.15 |
| Monday 20th June | GCSE Chemistry H & F paper 2 | 1.45 | GCE English Literature paper 2 | 2.30 |
| Monday 20th June | GCSE Combined Science Chem H & F paper 2 | 1.10 | GCSE Food | 1.45 |
| Monday 20th June | GCE Chemistry paper 2 | 2.15 | | |
| Tuesday 21st June | | | Y10 WJEC Food | 1.30 |
| Tuesday 21st June | GCSE History paper 2 | 2.00 | GCE Mathematics paper 3 | 2.00 |
| Wednesday 22nd June | GCSE Music | 1.30 | | |
| Thursday 23rd June | GCSE Physics H & F paper 2 | 1.45 | | |
| Thursday 23rd June | GCSE Combined Science Phys H & F paper 2 | 1.10 | | |
| Thursday 23rd June | GCE Chemistry paper 3 | 1.30 | | |
| Friday 24th June | GCE Biology paper 3 | 1.30 | | |
| Friday 24th June | GCE Computer Science paper 2 | 2.30 | | |
| Monday 27th June | | | Y13 GCE Further Maths Further Pure 2 | 1.30 |