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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Year 11 GCSE Exams

As mentioned in the recent Brockington Bulletin newsletter, I am really proud of the commitment to revision being shown by the majority of Year 11 pupils.

We recently issued all Year 11 pupils with their 'Exam Booklet' for the forthcoming exams. A copy of the booklet is also available on the college website, www.brockington.leics.sch.uk/exams/, for your information.

The Exam Booklet outlines all procedures around the forthcoming exams, which are now only three school weeks away! It is essential that all pupils adhere to all exam procedures and I would really appreciate your support in going through the booklet with your child to ensure they fully understand what is expected of them.

Some of the most essential things to get right are as follows:

- Place your child's individual exam timetable in a prominent place and highlight dates and times
- Morning exams all start at 9 am and afternoon exams at 1 pm
- From Monday 15 May, Year 11 pupils will have the earlier break and lunch to ensure they are ready for afternoon exams
- In the case of any absence from an exam, we must have immediate contact from home, so that appropriate advice can be given.
- Pupils must arrive on time for exams. Lateness may result in pupils not being permitted to complete the exam
- Full equipment for exams is essential:
 - clear pencil case
 - black pens
 - pencils
 - ruler
 - eraser
 - protractor (maths)
 - pair of compasses (maths)
 - scientific calculator (maths and science)
 - coloured pencils (technology)
- Full uniform must be worn for all exams
- All pupils should have a small, clear plastic bottle of water (without a label) for all exams
- No communication between pupils is allowed at any point during an exam
- Mobile phones and electronic devices are not allowed inside any exam venue



In order to fully support Year 11 pupils, once the exams commence, we will be implementing a timetable that allows them time with members of staff from subject areas in which they have yet to complete exams, alongside silent revision rooms. Pupils will also be able to leave school at the end of all afternoon exams.

However, we expect pupils to be present at school on each day until Friday 9 June 2017, when we will finish the day with the 'Year 11 Leavers' Assembly'. From this point, pupils will only need to attend school for their exams, unless revision sessions are available to them. The last exam for Year 11 pupils is on Wednesday 21 June 2017.

Please keep encouraging your child with their revision and check that they are revising appropriately, but also relaxing appropriately as well.

To quote from a poster that is currently high profile in our English Faculty, "You can have good results or bad excuses, but not both".

Thank you for your continuing support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chris Southall".

Mr Chris Southall
Principal