

18th May 2022

Dear Year 11 Parent/Carer

The exam season is now upon us, and this letter contains some useful information to outline the support that has been put in place and will continue to be put in place, to ensure that your child feels prepared and motivated for their upcoming exams. These include:

- Deliberate exam practice and focused revision during all lessons.
- A three weekly targeted intervention session during tutor time with subject specialists.
- Online revision resources and tailored revision packs provided by subject specialists.
- Access to breakfast revision sessions and after school drop ins.
- Scheduled revision sessions with their classroom teachers before exams.
- Stress and anxiety techniques delivered during tutor time.
- Ongoing pastoral support from the Year Team and all staff.

Exams are the best and fairest form of assessment. The Department for Education recognise the disruption the pandemic has caused and have therefore put in place a number of adaptations for this years' exams to ensure fairness for students.

Students will benefit from a range of adaptations that will help them reach their potential following the disruption they have faced.

These include:

- A choice of topics or content on which students will be assessed in GCSE English Literature, History and Geography.
- Providing advance information on the focus of the exams to support students' revision in subjects where there is not a choice of topics.
- Giving students formulae sheets in GCSE Math and revised equation sheets in GCSE Combined Science and Physics.
- Changing requirements for practical Science work and Art and Design portfolio to form their assessment.

As we return to exams, Ofqual (who take the decisions on grading) want to get back to the pre-pandemic standard, but in the interests of fairness, Ofqual do not feel this can be done in one go. Instead, 2022 will be a transition year to reflect that we are in a pandemic recovery period and students' education has been disrupted. Therefore, grading will move to a midpoint between 2021 and pre-pandemic 2019. Results are likely to be higher than in 2019, but not as high as in 2020. Ofqual aims to return to results that are in line with pre-pandemic years by 2023.

If there is anything that you feel could affect your child's ability to perform fully in their exams, please contact the Year Team and we will work alongside the Exams Officer to identify whether this will be accepted for special consideration. If your child is off during the exam period due to Covid 19, please contact us immediately so that we can notify the exam board and complete any necessary paperwork to minimise any disadvantage.

Equipment

Students should provide their own stationery, which must be in a clear pencil case. Please ensure your child has a minimum of the following for EVERY exam: 2 Black Pens, 2 HB Pencils, Ruler (marked with millimetres), Pencil Sharpener and Rubber. For certain exams you may also need: a Compass, Protractor and Calculator. The exam office has some spare equipment but cannot guarantee availability of any item. Students cannot share any stationery during an exam. Further information can be found in the Exam expectations booklet

<https://bristolbrunelacademy.clf.uk/wp-content/uploads/Exam-Expectations-Booklet-for-Students.pdf>."

Locker Keys

Please can we ask that any locker keys are returned to the Academy reception after your child's final exam. You will then receive your £3.00 deposit back.

Celebration Assembly

The Year 11 Leavers Assembly will take place on Tuesday 28th June, from 10:40 until 12:00. This will give students the opportunity to celebrate their time at the Academy, sign shirts and say their goodbyes to staff.

Last day

The last day for Year 11 will be Friday 17th June. However, please be aware that not all exams will have finished. Students will still be expected to attend revision sessions for any outstanding exams that they have week commencing Monday 20th June. Please see page below for details of the exams and revision taking place after Monday 20th June.

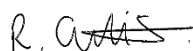
Exam Date	Time	Subject	No	Revision Date	Lesson	Staff	Room
Mon 20 Jun	08:40	Paper Five: Chemistry	Approx . 28	Mon 20th June	Before school	All	Conservatory
Mon 20 Jun	13:00	Foodprep & Nutrition	31	Mon 20th June	P3&4	NSO	FC1
Wed 22 Jun	13:00	Further Mathematics 2	24	Tues 21st June	P5&6	JPF/STH	F6B
Thu 23 Jun	08:40	Paper Six: Separate Physics	10	Wed 22nd June	P5&6	ABU	FS2
Thu 23 Jun	08:40	Paper Six: Separate Physics	48	Wed 22nd June	P5&6	GCA	FS9
Thu 23 Jun	08:40	Paper Six: Physics	Approx 28	Wed 22nd June	P5&6	JRG	FS3
Thu 23 Jun	08:40	Paper Six: Physics	Approx 28	Wed 22nd June	P5&6	IGR	FS7
Thu 23 Jun	08:40	Paper Six: Physics	Approx 28	Wed 22nd June	P5&6	EBA	FS6
Thu 23 Jun	08:40	Paper Six: Physics	Approx 28	Wed 22nd June	P5&6	MSM	FS5
Thu 23 Jun	08:40	Paper Six: Physics	Approx 28	Wed 22nd June	P5&6	RWO	FS1
Thu 23 Jun	08:40	Paper Six: Physics	Approx 28	Wed 22nd June	P5&6	RCU	FS4
Fri 24 Jun	08:40	Statistics Paper 2	22	Thurs 23rd June	P5&6	LDR	F5
Mon 27 Jun	08:40	Polish Writing H	4	N/A	N/A		
Mon 27 Jun	08:40	Portuguese Writing H	2	N/A	N/A		

Results

GCSE results day is on **Thursday 25th August 2022**. More information, to outline the arrangements for the day will follow shortly. Exam results will be available to collect in the morning and for those who are unable to attend in person, results will be emailed in line with GDPR, to students BBA accounts later in the day.

If you have any concerns or questions please contact the Year 11 Team, [BBA-Year11Team@clf.uk](mailto:Year11Team@clf.uk) or telephone the Academy.

Kind regards



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