

June 2011

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 Exams week and INSET Days

1. EXAMS WEEK 13th – 17th June

Next week is exams week. I have made significant changes to its format this year. In previous years the students had a day or two days off school for study and finished each day that they were in school at an earlier time. I have decided that this is not the most efficient use of students' time. Instead, school will run at its normal times with the students sitting exams in their lessons.

Teachers are informing students of the particular lessons that will be used for exams. I am sure you will be encouraging the students as they complete their revision over the weekend and throughout next week.

For all students in Year 7 to 9 who are present for all their exams, school will finish at lunch time on Friday. A small reward for what will be a very hard week for them. Any Year 7 to 9 students who have exams to complete will do these on Friday afternoon.

Year 10 students have a GCSE Science exam on Friday afternoon.

2. INSET DAYS

The two INSET Days that occur during the academic year are taking place on Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st June. Students, I am sure, will enjoy their extended weekend. Teachers will, however, be working very hard, being involved in training and development to ensure that the provision for the students is continually improving. The INSET days are placed at this point in the year as exams are finished and it allows teachers to focus on developments for the next academic year.

Yours faithfully,



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