



CENTRAL FOUNDATION BOYS' SCHOOL

March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing regarding the upcoming GCSE exams, scheduled to commence on Thursday, 9th May, and finish on Wednesday, 19th June 2024. The school's staff continues to work hard to prepare the students for the exams; lessons will continue until the last exam so that we can guarantee that the crucial final moments of preparation are in place for all students. Your son's exam timetable is enclosed with this letter.

Small Group Learning (SGL) Holiday sessions

Easter SGL sessions will run from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm, throughout the Easter holidays, Monday 1st to Saturday 13th April. Please ensure your son arrives at school by 9.15am. Our focus remains on honing exam techniques and addressing students' individual needs through lessons and interventions. Saturday and half-term sessions will be held, including Bank Holidays, and a tailored timetable for each student will follow

Revision Homework

We welcome students to attend drop-in sessions for **independent study**. Students with low homework submission will be required to attend **homework support Wednesday-Friday, 9.30 am- 12.30 pm**.

Students achieve at least a grade higher in the subjects for which they consistently complete homework. The homework set by teachers consolidates learning and is the revision for the exam; students must maintain their routine of completing homework over the holidays. We recommend spending a minimum of 2 hours a day, 14 hours a week, on homework.

Arrangements for the GCSE exams

The exam timetable is enclosed with this letter.

Exam sessions begin promptly at **9:00 am for morning exams and 1:00 pm** for afternoon exams. Students arriving late are unlikely to be permitted to sit the exam.

On exam mornings, students should aim to arrive at school by 8:30 am to alleviate stress from last-minute rushing. From 8.15 am, the school will be open to Y11 for independent study, and breakfast will be available for all students on arrival.

Equipment

Students should prepare their exam bags the night before, including two black pens, a ruler, a sharpened pencil, a highlighter, and a scientific calculator.

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Prohibited items

Electronic devices, including mobile phones and smartwatches, are strictly prohibited in the exam hall during exams. Students are advised to leave these items at home to avoid disruptions.

Support for exams

Drop-in sessions will be available on Monday mornings during the exam period to address exam-related anxiety. These sessions will provide students with a supportive environment to discuss any concerns with Ms. Chawluk and Ms. Lafaveres. Ms. Riefe, the school counsellor, is also available to see students for mental health and well-being check-ins.

Upcoming dates

GCSE examinations

Thursday, 9th May - Wednesday, 19th June 2024

Y11 Leavers Celebration Event

Thursday, 20th June 2024

Y12 Induction Day

Wednesday, 3rd July 2024

GCSE Results Day & Sixth Form Enrolment

Thursday, 22nd August 2024

Please do not hesitate to contact Ms Bennett or myself with any questions or concerns. I want to express my gratitude for your ongoing support of the school and wish all students and families the best as they navigate through the exam period and beyond.

The spring term will finish at the usual time, **3.20 pm, on Thursday, March 28th**. The Summer term commences **on Monday, April 15th, at 8.45 am**.

I wish you a wonderful Spring Break.

Best wishes,

Ms. D. Oladimeji, Assistant Headteacher KS4

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