



# Year 11 Matters!

## Newsletter—April 2023



### Introduction

Firstly I'd like to introduce myself, I'm going to be Head of Year 11 for the remainder of the academic year. I took on the Head of Year 11 last year and was a Year 11 tutor the year before, so I've a lot of recent experience with year 11 exams and the challenges they'll face in the up coming weeks. I've also spent the last 12 weeks getting to know them and I promise you I am doing all I can to meet their needs and get them through the next few months with the aid of their tutors and the entire Warriner staff, as we are all wanting to help them reach their potential. That said let's discuss ways we can support.

Mr Rafferty

### Upcoming Dates

The best way to reduce stress is to all know clearly what is coming up, so we can feel planned and prepared for it as a team. This hopefully this will outline what is coming up with some extra explanations where needed. More personal details such as seat number and exact times can be found on students' exam timetables.

#### Week commencing 24/4/23

25/4/23: Art & Design 3D Art Exam 8:30 start 5 hours long

26/4/23: Art & Design 3D Art Exam 8:30 start 3 hours long

27/4/23: **Strike day but will be open for year 11 with a bespoke plan put in place to support them in their exams.**

28/4/23: Inset day, a chance to revise and rest, in balance, to be ready for the exams

#### Week commencing 1/5/23

1/5/23: Bank Holiday

2/4/23: Strike day, again year 11 will be in and getting a bespoke provision  
French/German Speaking Exams (check student exam timetable to see if this is their date)

3/4/23: Fine Art Exam 8:30 start 5 hours long  
French/German Speaking Exams (check student exam timetable to see if this is their date)

4/4.23: Fine Art Exam 8:30 start 5 hours long  
French/German Speaking Exams (check student exam timetable to see if this is their date)

5/4/23: French/German Speaking Exams (check student exam timetable to see if this is their date)

#### Week commencing 8/5/23

8/5/23: Bank Holiday

9/5/23: Art & Design 3D Art Exam 8:30 start 2 hours long

### **Week commencing 15/5/23**

- 15/5/23: Religious Studies Exam Paper 'In the Modern World' 9:00 start—2 hours long  
Drama Exam 13:30 start 1 hours 30 minutes long
- 16/5/23: Triple Science Biology Paper 1 Exam 9:00 start 1 hour 45 minutes long.  
Science Trilogy Biology Paper 1 Exam 9:00 start 1 hour 15 minutes long.  
Science Synergy Exam Paper 1 9:00 start 1 hour 45 minutes long.  
Foundation German Listening Exam 13:30 start 35 minutes long  
Foundation German Reading Exam, follows previous exam 45 minutes long  
Higher German Listening Exam 13:30 start 45 minutes long  
Higher German Reading Exam, follows previous exam 1 hour long  
Sociology Exam Paper 1 Understanding Social Processes 13:30 Start 1 hour 45 minutes long.
- 17/5/23 English Literature Exam Paper Component 1 Shakespeare 9:00 start 2 hours long  
P.E Exam, Fitness and Body Systems 13:30 Start 1 hour 30 minutes long.
- 18/5/23 History Exam Papers A and B 9:00 start 2 hours long
- 19/5/23 Maths Exam 1 Non-Calculator 9:00 Start 1 hour 30 minutes long  
Computer Science Exam, Computer Science Systems 13:30 Start 1 hour 30 minutes long

### **Week Commencing 22/5/23**

- 22/5/23 Triple Science Chemistry Paper 1 Exam 9:00 start 1 hour 45 minutes long  
Trilogy Science Chemistry Paper 1 Exam 9:00 start 1 hour 15 minutes long  
Geography Exam The Physical Environment 13:30 start 1 hour 30 minutes long
- 23/5/23 Foundation French Listening Exam 9:00 start 35 minutes long  
Foundation French Reading Exam, follows previous exam 45 minutes long  
Higher French Listening Exam 9:00 start 45 minutes long  
Higher French Reading Exam, follows previous exam 1 hour long  
Religious Studies Exam, Study of Christianity 13:30 start 1 hour long  
Animal Health Exam 13:30 start 1 hour long
- 24/5/23 English Literature Exam Prose and Poetry 9:00 start 2 hours 30 minutes long.  
15 minute break for year 11 and treat available after exam
- 25/5/23 Triple Science Physics Exam 1 9:00 start 1 hour 45 minutes long  
Trilogy Science Physics Exam 1 9:00 start 1 hour 15 minutes long  
Synergy Science Exam 29:00 start 1 hour 45 minutes long  
Computer Science Exam Computational Thinking, Algorithms and Programming  
13:00 start 1 hour 30 minutes long  
Sociology Exam Understanding Social Structures 13:00 start 1 hour 45 minutes long
- 26/5/23 Foundation German Writing Exam 9:00 start 1 hour long  
Higher German Writing Exam 9:00 start 1 hour 15 minutes long

### **Study leave Begins**

The importance of good attendance at 97% or above cannot be overestimated. High attendance can lead to:

- ◆ Impressive GCSE Grades. Students with an attendance below 92% are likely to achieve 2 grades per subject lower than the rest of their year group.
- ◆ Avoiding the need to retake English & Maths after Year 11
- ◆ More choice in their post 16 options
- ◆ A high paid inspiring career

## Study Leave

Friday the 26th of May is the last day of term and the last day we require students to be in lesson. From this point study leave will begin. Students are only required to come in for their exams. We ask if they have a morning exam they come in to tutor as normal and register so we know we have them and for an afternoon exam they are in at least 30 minutes prior and signed in again so we know they are here.

Finding whether students are present for an exam can be an urgent matter and if we have students on site who are not registered promptly then we are using valuable time verifying this when we could be focusing on those who are genuinely not in for various reasons. It is essential we know students are in.

If students feel they are better off studying in school they may come in. We ask that this if for the full day and they register with tutors in the morning and then attend their normal timetable. Teachers will be prepared to support students in lesson, however if a student wants to work independently in the room on another subject they may as long as it's not disrupting others. In larger subjects at quiet times classes may be combined to better use teachers. Students who do not go to their lessons will have the option to come in a study revoked.

### Week Commencing 5/6/23

- 5/6/23: English Language Exam Paper 1 9:00 start 1 hour 45 minutes long  
Foundation French Writing Exam 13:30 start 1 hour long  
Higher French Writing Exam 13:30 start 1 hour 15 minutes long
- 6/6/23: Religious Studies Exam 3 Islam 13:30 Start 1 hour long
- 7/6/23: Maths Exam Paper 2 Calculator 9:00 start 1 hour 30 minutes long  
History Exam Papers 2A and 2B 13:00 start 2 hours long
- 8/6/23: Further Maths Paper 1 Non Calculator 9:00 start 1 hour 45 minutes long  
PE Exam, Health and Performance 9:00 start 1 hour 15 minutes long.
- 9/6/23: Geography Exam, The Human Environment 9:00 start 1 hour 30 minutes long  
Triple Science Biology Exam 2 13:30 start 1 hour 45 minutes long  
Trilogy Science Biology Exam 2 13:30 start 1 hour 15 minutes long  
Synergy Science Exam 3 13:30 start 1 hour 45 minutes long

### Week Commencing 12/6/23

- 12/6/23: English Language Exam Paper 2 9:00 start 1 hour 45 minutes long  
Imedia Exam 13:30 start 1 hour 15 minutes long
- 13/6/23: Triple Science Chemistry Exam 2 9:00 start 1 hour 45 minutes long  
Trilogy Science Chemistry Exam 2 9:00 start 1 hour 15 minutes long  
Synergy Science Exam 4 9:00 start 1 hour 45 minutes long
- 14/6/23: Maths Exam Paper 3 Calculator 9:00 start 1 hour 30 minutes long  
Polish Listening Exam 13:00 start 45 minutes long  
Polish Reading Exam, starts after previous exam 1 hour long  
Music Exam 13:30 start 1 hour 15 minutes long
- 16/6/23: Triple Science Physics Exam 2 9:00 start 1 hour 45 minutes long  
Trilogy Science Physics Exam 2 9:00 start 1 hour 15 minutes long  
Geography Exam Investigations 13:30 start 1 hour 30 minutes long

### **An equipped student is a settled student!**

The last thing you need is to go into an exam wondering if you have all you need, or using a piece of equipment for the first time. Try and get fully equipped as soon as possible and familiarise yourself especially with calculators. It will help your pre exam nerves

### **Week Commencing 19/6/23**

- 19/6/23: Design and Technology Exam 9:00 start 2 hours long  
Design and Technology Textiles Exam 9:00 start 2 hours long
- 20/6/23: Dance Exam 9:00 start 1 hour 30 minutes long  
Food and Nutrition Exam 9:00 start 1 hour 45 minutes long
- 21/6/23: Polish Writing Exam 9:00 start 1 hour 15 minutes long  
Further Maths Exam Paper 1 Calculator 13:00 start 1 hour 45 minutes long

### **End of Exams**

## **Post Exam Dates**

### **Stand Down Celebration. 30/6/23**

This is on the Friday afternoon on the 30th of June. We invite the year 11's back in for a celebration of their time here at the school. Students will need to be on site at 13:00 and will be finished at 15:00. During this time students will see a video of their memories at the school, get the awards they voted for and receive their leavers hoodies. We also will provide some snacks and drinks, but there will also be a BBQ where students will be able to pre order items. This is also the time students can get their shirts signed.

### **Prom 7/7/23**

This is taking place at the Cotswold Hotel and Spa. This will mark the final hurrah for year 11 and we will look forward to seeing many of them and their families there. More information will come out in the next few weeks, with requests for information from students with whom they will be sitting with at Prom and who they are arriving with.

### **Results Day 24/8/23**

Students are going to be able to collect their results on the morning of Thursday 24th of August, from the Sixth Form centre. During this time, discussions will happen with the Sixth Form team with regarding studying here next year. Support will be available in helping students whose results may mean a different plan is needed for future study. We ask at this time that students inform us where they are studying next year as we are required to pass this information on to the County Education team. Those who are unable to collect their results in person, please make us aware in advance who will be collecting them in their place so we can release them, or they will be posted home.



#### **Mix it Up**

Do not focus too much on one exam or topic, but also not too much on one style. Try past papers or topic focus assessment, you might do some revision cards and some listing key facts or quotes.

#### **Break it up**

Don't do all at once try breaking it into chunks This way you don't burn out or realise after 3 hours you can't remember anything from the first hour.

#### **Plan it**

Don't spend the night before a Chemistry exam revising for Physics that is a week later.

#### **Get Physical**

Short bursts of exercise really will provide a health break as well as assisting in getting your brain in gear.

#### **Ask the Experts**

Many of your teachers have been through this before, use their experience to help guide you in what, and how to study as well as support you when you are stuck

#### **Explore New Ground**

It's tempting to revise what you already know. make sure you are covering everything and be honest with yourself about where you need to focus.

# FAQ

We know there can be a lot of questions and we are always eager to help in any way we can, so please get in touch. That said, here are some of the common questions we get and we hope this can at least put some of your worries to rest.

## *What if I've 2 exams at the same time?*

If you look at your personal time table you will have seen that bespoke provisions have been made for each student. This might mean you will sit an exam around midday and another at a later time. Because of this there will be a period of time you will need to be in isolation as so not to share content. This will mean the canteen is not an option and pack lunch will be needed. We will though provide snack bars and water too for the small breaks to help students.

## *My exam finishes after the end of the school day how do I get home?*

We ask that you arrange a way home just as you would after a revision session as the buses will have gone if that is your usual method. If this is a problem, please get in touch and we will see if we can help.

## *If I have a morning exam can I go home after?*

Once study leave has begun for you ,this is an option but you must sign out and we ask you have written permission from home so everyone is aware of the situation and when you are off site.

## *What happens if I'm late to an exam?*

We obviously hope this won't occur as it doesn't put you in the best frame of mind for the exam and we will try and track if anyone is missing , so we can help if possible and for a **short time** you can still enter the exam.

Any other questions, please email tutor or head of year who can either help or point you in the right direction.

## **Extra Provision**

We are providing 2 types of revision sessions. Targeted sessions which are aimed at specific individuals and groups on key topics. There are also open sessions available to all students, the only restriction here is if conduct affects the learning of others, you will be asked to leave.

English: Targeted sessions begin **Tuesday**. Open Revision on the 23rd of May in the 6th form centre.

Science: Revision sessions every **Thursday** in S2, S3 and S4 - separate sessions for triple, trilogy and synergy, open to everyone.

Maths: Targeted session **Mondays** 3:00-4:00. Open sessions in M4, M5, M6 8:00-8:35 every day except Wednesdays.

History: Open sessions **Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday** lunchtimes in HU8 and after school on **Thursdays** in HU7

Art: Rooms are open and staffed every lunch and after school, please speak to your teacher to arrange,

P.E: Open session 3-4:30 in P1

Other subjects are arranged through discussion with your teachers.

## **Final words**

We will issue another letter in 2 weeks time with any update and some extra tips and more FAQs and information about May Half Term sessions. Please get in contact if you need support.