

11 May 2018

Dear Parent

### **GCSE examinations**

Please find attached an additional copy of the Year 11 examination schedule and the extra exam sessions that are being delivered for each subject, during curriculum time before the actual exam. You will also find an additional letter that identifies GCSE intervention sessions that are being offered by staff during the May Half Term. In order for staff to plan these sessions, we require your youngster to complete the reply slip and hand in to student services by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May.

During the exam period we will be sending out regular texts to Year 11 parents about which examinations are coming up and what equipment will be needed to ensure that students are fully ready for the exams. This will be a copy of the information that you have previously received and is on the school's website. All candidates should attend every examination fully prepared with the correct equipment and in particular a pen with black ink. A scientific calculator is required for Mathematics, as well as for Science and Business Studies. Additional equipment required includes a pencil, ruler, eraser, highlighter pen, angle measure and compass. Please let me know if any of this cannot be purchased due to financial hardship.

We will be running warm up sessions for all of the examinations. For a morning exam, this will be from 8.30am until 9.00am and an afternoon exam will have a warm up time of 12.45pm until 1.15pm. These are extremely important preparation sessions for the students and it is crucial that all students turn up on time to these sessions. If your youngster has an afternoon exam, then they will be allowed to go to lunch at 12.00pm to make sure they have an appropriate rest, in readiness for the examination.

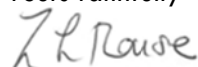
Please ensure that students get a good night's sleep before an exam and have breakfast in the morning; evidence suggests that this will improve their performance considerably. Breakfast is available for Y11 students for free during the examination period and they will also be given a cereal bar during each warm up session before entering the exam.

Your youngster must now be regularly revising at home. We can provide any additional materials necessary, so please let me know if they need anything. Revision should be ACTIVE and should involve regular re-testing; simply reading and highlighting information is not enough to remember it long term. Information should be written out, turned in Mnemonics, turned into images etc and then a short test should be done to see where any gaps in knowledge are. Please support your youngster by offering to test them on information.

Although, it is a stressful period for Year 11, it is important that they also take time to relax: sport and exercise are especially good ways to alleviate stress and anxiety and to help students to get a good night's sleep.

I have been impressed by the amount of work being done by Year 11 recently, there were a large number in over the Easter holiday and a lot of students are taking advantage of the intervention and revision sessions being offered by staff before school, lunchtime and after school. This is great to see.

Yours faithfully



Zoe House  
Headteacher

## Year 11 Exam Sessions Timetable

	Morning	Afternoon
Friday 11th May	Pd2 & 3 Computer Science	Pd 4 & 5 ICT
Monday 14th May	<b><u>Computer Science Exam, ICT Exam, Health &amp; Social Care Exam</u></b>	Pd 4 & 5 French Pd 4 & 5 PE
Tuesday 15th May	<b><u>French Listening &amp; Reading Exam</u></b> Pd 1 & 2 Biology Pd3 Normal lesson	<b><u>Biology Paper 1 Exam</u></b>
Wednesday 16th May	<b><u>PE Paper 1 Exam</u></b>	Pd 4 & 5 Chemistry
Thursday 17th May	<b><u>Chemistry Paper 1 Exam</u></b> Pd3 Computer Science	<b><u>Computer Science Paper 2 Exam</u></b> Period 4 & 5 French
Friday 18th May	<b><u>French Writing Exam</u></b> Pd2 & 3 PE Pd 2 & 3 Drama	<b><u>PE Paper 2 Exam</u></b> <b><u>Drama Exam</u></b>
Monday 21st May	Pd 2 & 3 English Lit	Pd 4 & 5 Geography
Tuesday 22nd May	<b><u>English Lit Paper 1 Exam</u></b> Pd3 Business	<b><u>Geography Paper 1 Exam</u></b> Pd4 & 5 Physics
Wednesday 23rd May	<b><u>Business Studies Paper 1 Exam</u></b> Pd1 Physics Pd2 & 3 Maths	<b><u>Physics Paper 1 Exam</u></b>
Thursday 24th May	<b><u>Maths Paper 1 &amp; 4 Exam</u></b>	Pd 4 & 5 English Lit
Friday 25th May	<b><u>English Lit Paper 2 Exam</u></b> Pd3 Textiles	<b><u>Textiles Exam</u></b> Pd4 & 5 History
Monday 4th June	<b><u>History Paper 1 Exam</u></b> Pd1 Geography Pd 2 & 3 Media	<b><u>Media Studies Exam</u></b> Pd 4 & 5 English Lang
Tuesday 5th June	<b><u>English Lang Paper 1 Exam</u></b> Pd3 Geography	<b><u>Geography Paper 2 Exam</u></b>
Wednesday 6th June	Pd 1 Maths (Music and Business students only) Pd 2 & 3 Music Pd 2 & 3 Business	<b><u>Music Exam</u></b> <b><u>Business Studies Paper 2 Exam</u></b> Pd 4 & 5 Maths
Thursday 7th June	<b><u>Maths Paper 2 &amp; 5 Exam</u></b>	Pd 4 & 5 English Lang
Friday 8th June	<b><u>English Lang Paper 2 Exam</u></b> Pd 3 History	<b><u>History Paper 2 Exam</u></b> Pd 4 & 5 Biology
Monday 11th June	<b><u>Biology Paper 2 Exam</u></b> Pd 3 Geography	<b><u>Geography Paper 3 Exam</u></b> Pd 4 & 5 Maths
Tuesday 12th June	<b><u>Maths Paper 3 &amp; 6 Exam</u></b> <b><u>Construction Exam</u></b>	Pd 4 & 5 Chemistry
Wednesday 13th June	<b><u>Chemistry Paper 2 Exam</u></b>	Y11 Leavers Celebration
Thursday 14th June	Pd1 Food Pd 1 Resistant Materials Pd 2 & 3 Physics	<b><u>Food Exam</u></b> <b><u>Resistant Materials Exam</u></b>
Friday 15th June	<b><u>Physics Paper 2 Exam</u></b>	Pd 4 & 5 German
Monday 18th June	<b><u>German Listening and Reading Exam</u></b>	Pd 4 & 5 Additional Maths Pd 4 & 5 Dance
Tuesday 19th June		<b><u>Dance Exam</u></b> <b><u>Additional Maths Exam</u></b>
Wednesday 20th June	Pd 2 & 3 German	
Thursday 21st June	<b><u>German Writing</u></b>	Pd 4 & 5 Product Design
Friday 22nd June	<b><u>Product Design Exam</u></b>	

If you are not timetabled to be in an exam or an extra exam session then you will be in your normal timetabled lesson. If you have completed your exam in this subject, you will use this time to revise for other subjects.

Any outstanding BTEC or vocational work will also need completing during this time. Please see staff to organise this!

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Dear Parent

**May Half Term Intervention Sessions**


I am writing to let you know that the school are offering intervention sessions in a wide selection of subjects with specialised teachers during the May half term.

The sessions will focus on examination techniques/skills, high impact revision strategies and general questions students may have in preparation for their upcoming GCSE examinations.

Due to health and safety requirements, students must sign the register at reception and head straight to the room allocated on the grid below. Students will not be required to wear the normal school dress code. If students wish to they can bring a packed lunch with them. During lunch, the school will provide a selection of pizza and soft drinks.

Please complete the reply slip and grid below by ticking which session your youngster will attend and return it to student services by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May. Any student who has not returned the reply slip by this date will be unable to attend.

Yours faithfully



Steve Geary  
Director of Achievement

**Please TICK the session(s) and return to STUDENT SERVICES at Lees Brook Community School by:  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Tutor Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Date	Subject	Time	Room	Teacher	Attending <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May</b>	BTEC Sport	10:00 - 12:30	TMS	HAS	[ ]
	Business Studies	10:00 - 14:00	S06	KEJ	[ ]
	English	10:00 - 12:00	S11	HAK	[ ]
	Science	10:00 - 12:30	S28	JOV/BRM	[ ]
	Dance	09:30 - 14:00	Dance	WAM	[ ]
	Geography	09:30 - 12:30	N01	BWD/BRJ	[ ]
<b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> May</b>	English	10:00 - 14:00	S13	WLM	[ ]
	English	10:00 - 14:00	S17	MES	[ ]
	English	10:00 - 14:00	S14	MEL	[ ]
	Maths (Higher)	10:00 - 14:00	Hall	GRN/AUE	[ ]
<b>Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> May</b>	English	10:00 - 12:00	S11	GAC	[ ]
	Media	10:00 - 13:00	Media	TAB	[ ]
	Music	10:00 - 13:00	MU1	MEK	[ ]
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June</b>	History	10:00 - 14:00	N16	WOJ	[ ]

I have read the letter about arrangements for the GCSE intervention sessions and confirm that you have my consent for my youngster to take part in selected activities.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent) Date: \_\_\_\_\_