

8th June 2022

Dear Parents of Year 11

I am writing to you today to thank you for supporting the first three weeks of your child's GCSE exams. Many of our students are taking the exams in their stride and have made a great start. As you will be aware, Year 11 are now on an **examination timetable**.

Beckfoot Upper Heaton's **examination timetable** ensures students get timely support for external exams; continue to benefit from lessons with teachers and allows them to take the steps towards the independence required for college, sixth form or employment.

To date, we have insisted that students remain in school and either sit exams on that day or follow their timetabled lessons. However, as of the afternoon of Friday 10th June Year 11 students can study at home for the sessions when they do not have an exam. All students have an English Language exam 9am to 1045am this Friday 10th June. They will then have an extra maths lesson from 1105am to 1210pm. After this maths lesson the Year 11 students will then all leave school and begin study leave.

Therefore, as of **Monday 13th June** we are only expecting Year 11 students to be present in school for their exams. For example, on Monday 13th June all Year 11 have a maths exam 9am to 1030am. Once they have finished this exam the students will go home to study.

Students must arrive at school, **in full uniform**, 15 minutes before the start of the exam. They must arrive at the front of school at the main entrance and will be admitted into the exam 15 minutes before the start time eg. arrive by 845am for a 9am exam and then 1245pm for a 1pm exam. Students will then be escorted out of the exam and expected to leave site.

However, any students who wish to remain in school to study will be provided with the facility to do this in our Library. Any student who stays on site must revise and self-study; we expect this to be done with high levels of self-discipline and rigour. Also, staff will be available to guide students and supervise their revision.

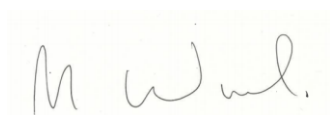
Students have once again been provided with guidance around revision and very clear instructions regarding expectations to study at home and how we expect them to conduct themselves in school over the next few weeks. When students are in school they must wear **full school uniform for their exams**.

Please ensure your child is:

- **On time every day when they have an exam** – most exams start at 9am and we need students in for 8.15 so that we have time to settle them beforehand.
- **In full uniform.**
- **Equipped with revision materials and are following a revision timetable at home** - Students have past papers; knowledge organisers and worksheets and should all have a revision timetable; be using flash cards; text books, revision aids, quizzes and other techniques to learn material.

- **Ready to learn.** This is a critical time for all of Year 11 and many are working well. However there are students who still feel that they can disrupt learning; disregard the start of lessons by arriving late and who are not taking their future prospects seriously. If your child is one of these students **they and you will be informed this week**. An immediate improvement in work ethic will be expected or they will be invited to immediately begin unsupported examination preparation at home.
- Following the timetable they have been given.
- Following a planned timetable of revision.

Thank you again for your continued support

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Mel Ward
Deputy Headteacher

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