

10th May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

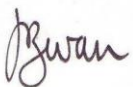
We held our final pre-exam briefing with Year 11 students this afternoon, ahead of their Leavers' Breakfast this Friday and the commencement of GCSE examinations on Monday 16th May. I thought it would be useful to share with you some of the final messages and reminders from the session. I know that we will have your support in reinforcing the following points at home during the examination period:

- Students must look at their exam timetable carefully each evening – they need to know which examination they have, the venue for the examination and what time it starts and finishes.
- Students should pack bags the night before, ensuring they have all the required equipment for the examinations that day and also their revision notes, paper, highlighters and pens for the supervised revision sessions.
- Students are expected to arrive at school for am registration each day. We will report any late marks to you.
- There is no study leave during the exam period. Students will either be in an examination, a revision masterclass or in a supervised revision period. Students will not be permitted to use mobile phones in their supervised revision sessions.
- Students must ensure that they know their candidate number – this is on their exam timetable.
- Students must make sure mobile phones/watches/bags are in lockers before they queue to enter the examination room.
- Full school uniform needs to be worn. We will contact you if your son is not wearing full school uniform.
- If you give your son a lift to school, please allow plenty time to travel – Maidstone traffic can be unpredictable.
- If your son will be late, contact the school immediately.
- Please contact the School Office and ask to speak to Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Craig, if your son is ill and unable to attend an examination.

We are very much looking forward to the Year 11 Leavers' Breakfast this Friday. It is an opportunity to mark the end of this phase of your son's journey at OPGS prior to them moving into the examination period. I have made clear that our expectations for behaviour and conduct on this day, both in school and when out of school, remain unchanged and we will use the full range of sanctions available to us should a student fall short of these expectations. Please remind your son that poor behaviour on this day will have consequences, irrespective of whether they intend to return to OPGS or not.

Finally, Mr Devonald and I would like to say thank you for your support you have given your son and the school over what has been a tumultuous two years. If you have any queries, questions or worries over the next few weeks please do get in touch.

Yours sincerely,



Ms J Bevan
Deputy Headteacher