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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Year 11 Examinations: May 2022

Our Year 11 pupils will complete a number of GCSE modular examinations during May and June as well as sitting internal school examinations during May for those subjects that do not have GCSE modular examinations and have not already completed their third assessment.

During the Key Stage 3 (Years 8 to 10) exams between Thursday 19th May and Wednesday 25th May 2022, our Year 11 pupils are only required to be in school when they are attending a GCSE module examination or a scheduled revision class. Normal timetable classes will resume after break (period 3) on Wednesday 25th May 2022.

I have attached a copy of the Year 11 exam timetable which includes GCSE modular examinations in black, internal school examinations in blue and revision classes in red. I recommend that your child/children highlight all the examinations and revision classes that involve the subjects which they study. Your child/children will also receive a hard copy of this exam timetable. I also draw your attention to the information on the back of the exam timetable.

Please share these dates with your child/children and display the schedule in a prominent place at home. Examination success only comes as a result of thorough preparation and revision, and I urge you to support your child/ children through this period so that they might gain a set of examination results that truly reflect their potential, and upon which they can continue to make progress for the remainder of the academic year.

As parents/carers there are a number of things you can do to support your son/daughter as they undertake their examinations. I have prepared a list below of some practical and easy to implement 'Top Tips' to help you as a family during this period:

- Ensure that your child/ children attends school every day and is on time to each lesson. Every minute of learning lost can impact on outcomes and all pupils benefit from good attendance and punctuality;
- Help your child/ children to arrive for each exam properly equipped. Exams should be completed in black pen so having a supply of these at home for the exam period would be useful;
- Monitor their time on social media/surfing the internet. Everybody needs time to unwind, but this needs to be managed against time spent purposefully revising;
- Ensure they have a quiet space in which to work at home;
- Ensure that they are eating a balanced diet, including them taking in enough water to remain fully hydrated. Breakfast really is the most important meal of the day, especially during exam time;




- Ensure that they are getting enough sleep; and
- Provide encouragement and support throughout the exam period.

All staff at Ballyclare Secondary School are hoping for our Year 11 pupils to perform well in both their GCSE modular and internal school exams and will support them fully during this period.

Should you have any questions linked to the exams, please do not hesitate to contact your child/children's class teacher.

Yours sincerely,



Mr A Cowden

Senior Teacher – School Communication

Year 11 Examinations & Revision Schedule May & June 2022

Year 11	Examinations & Any Special Arrangements for Revision Sessions 4 th May – 20 th June 2022
Wednesday 4 th May 2022	GCSE Leisure & Tourism completed in class time
Thursday 5 th May 2022	9.00am-10.00am BTEC Sport: Unit 1 onscreen exam
Tuesday 10 th May 2022	Food & Nutrition Exam completed in class time
Wednesday 11 th May 2022	9.00am-10.00am LLW: Unit 1 Exam
Monday 16 th May 2022	9.00am-10.00am LLW: Unit 2 Exam Motor Vehicle & Road Users completed in class time (Mr McKean)
Tuesday 17 th May 2022	9.00am-10.00 Double Award Biology Exam <i>(only for those pupils who missed the exam in February or are resitting the exam)</i> 1.00pm-2.30pm Leisure & Tourism: Unit 1 Exam Motor Vehicle & Road Users completed in class time (Mr Beggs)
Wednesday 18 th May 2022	9.00am-10.45am English Language: Unit 1 Exam
Thursday 19 th May 2022	9.00am-10.45am History: Unit 1 Exam 10.45am-11.45am Business Revision with Mrs Porte 1.15pm – 3pm Geography Revision with Mrs Campbell & Mrs Pickering
Friday 20 th May 2022	Year 11 Practical Drama - all drama pupils must be in school on this day to complete this. 10.20am-12.05pm Child Development Revision with Mrs Cunningham & Mrs Pedlow
Monday 23 rd May 2022	9.00am-10.30am Geography: Unit 1 Exam Maths Revision Sessions for each Modular Exam: 11am – 12.40pm Mr Thompson & Mr McKean M1 Mrs Jones & Miss Smyth M2 1.15pm – 3pm Mr Thompson, Mrs Jones, Mrs Woods M2 Mr McKean & Mrs Wasson M3 Miss Smyth & Mrs Shingleton M4
Tuesday 24 th May 2022	9.00am-10.45am Maths M1 & M2 9.00am-11.00am Maths M3 & M4 11.30am-12.30pm Business Studies with Mrs Emerson
Wednesday 25 th May 2022	9.00am-10.45am English Literature: Unit 1 Exam 1.00pm-2.30pm Technology & Design: Unit 1 Exam

Thursday 26 th May 2022	9.00am-10.30am Religious Studies: Unit 3 Exam GCSE French Exam completed during dedicated time slots
Friday 27 th May 2022	9.00am-10.00am Single Award Chemistry Exam <i>(only for those pupils who missed the exam in February or are resitting the exam)</i> 9.00am-10.00am Double Award Chemistry Exam <i>(only for those pupils who missed the exam in February or are resitting the exam)</i> GCSE PE Exam completed in class time
Monday 30 th May 2022	GCSE French Exam completed during dedicated time slots GCSE Psychology Exam Completed in class time <i>(Miss Miniss)</i>
Tuesday 31 st May 2022	1.00pm-2.30pm Business Studies: Unit 1 Exam 3.00pm-5.30pm Further Maths Revision session Miss Ferguson Psychology Exam Completed in class time <i>(Miss Ferguson)</i>
Wednesday 1 st June 2022	9.00am-11.00am Further Maths: Unit 1 Exam
Monday 6 th June 2022	9.00am-10.15am Child Development: Unit 1 Exam 1.00pm-2.15pm Agriculture: Unit 1 Exam
Tuesday 7 th June 2022	9.00am-10.00am Double Award Science: Physics Unit 1 Exam
Monday 20 th June 2022	1.00pm-2.15pm Agriculture: Unit 2 Exam

Important Information:

The information in the table –

BLACK font indicates it's an external – ACTUAL GCSE or BTEC examination.

BLUE font indicates it's an internal school examination.

RED font is information on revision sessions.

Arrival to all external examinations on time is vital, as a school we have no control over the start times of examinations.

Normal lessons will continue throughout the months of May and June 2022 except for Thursday 19th May 2022 to Wednesday 25th May 2022 *(inclusive)* when your child only attends school on the days they have examinations and scheduled revision lessons (please see the table for detail). If your child needs

to travel on a school bus at the normal time we will provide a room to study in before examinations start. Your child needs to communicate this to his/her class teacher who will then inform Miss Trimble.

Your child should highlight the subjects they study to ensure they know which examinations and revision sessions are relevant to them.

Mobile phones or any electronic devices are not to be taken into the examination halls. These can be given in to the school office in advance of examinations starting (if this facility is needed pupils must arrive at the office, well in advance of the examination start time).

Your child's safety is paramount therefore we advise parents to ensure that their children do not visit coffee shops; other shops or the park in Ballyclare before or after examinations.

Pupils are not to be signed out after examinations as it is vitally important that your child continues to work hard in all lessons during the months of May and June.

W Shingleton

Vice Principal

