



Eden Girls

NURTURING TODAY'S **YOUNG PEOPLE**,
INSPIRING TOMORROW'S **LEADERS**

Year 11 Exams Information, Advice & Guidance Evening

21st October 2020

4:45pm – 6:00pm

Objectives

- > To explain changes due to coronavirus
- > To understand exams processes and procedures
- > To find out about revision, intervention and support offered
- > To give advice about how to support your daughter
- > To give information about post-16 options



GCSE Exams 2021

- > Government has announced GCSE exams will be taking place
- > Exams start 3 weeks later than normal
- > One English and Maths paper before May half-term
- > All other exams between **7th June** and **2nd July**



Remember

- > Unless we hear otherwise your daughter will sit GCSE exams
- > Try to ignore rumour and speculation
- > Wait for official news
- > And **if** we have Centre Assessed Grades...
- > Classwork, homework, tests and mock exams matter **even more!**



GCSE Results Day

- > Friday **27th August 2021**
 - > Collected from the school by the student
 - > Alternative collection possible (see Exams Officer)
- > Certificates should be sent to schools November 2021



Changes to GCSEs 2021

- > English Literature – choice of content
- > French – no speaking exam
- > Science – practical demonstrations/simulations
- > Art – no exam (portfolio only)
- > History – choice of content
- > Geography – no field work
- > Food Preparation and Nutrition – no NEA1
- > Computer Science – programming project in unsupervised time



All pupils will receive

- > Own exam timetable
 - > Seat number
 - > Exam room
- > Information about rules and procedures
 - > Entry Confirmation Sheet
 - > Legal Name and DOB for Certificates
- > Any errors or queries?
 - > See Mrs Kosturska (Exams Officer)



Timings and venues

- > There will be no study leave
 - > Pupils arrive in school as normal
 - > Subject teacher briefings before exams
- > Morning exams start at 9:00 AM
- > Afternoon exams start at 1:30 PM

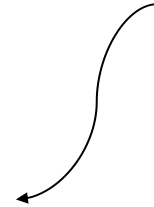


Uniform and procedures

- > Full school uniform
- > Rules and procedures explained
- > Mocks will be run like real GCSEs
- > Mock exams start 16th November
- > Mock timetable published this week



School Uniform



Equipment

- > Black pens (bring 2)
- > HB pencils (bring 2)
- > Protractor
- > Compass
- > Rubber
- > Pencil sharpener
- > Ruler
- > Calculator (no lid)
- > Clear pencil case only
- > Water bottle (clear, no labels)
- > Lanyard and ID



Malpractice

- > Do not bring personal belongings into exam room
- > No notes
- > No technology that has access to internet or devices that has a memory
- > **Breaking the rules can lead to disqualification**
- > No communication in exam room
- > **Exam conditions**



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**NO IPODS, MOBILE PHONES
MP3/4 PLAYERS
SMARTWATCHES**

**NO POTENTIAL TECHNOLOGICAL/WEB
ENABLED SOURCES OF INFORMATION**

Possession of unauthorised items, such as a mobile phone, is a serious offence and could result in

DISQUALIFICATION
from your examination and your overall qualification.

This poster must be displayed in a prominent place outside each examination room.

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Non-Exam Assessment

- > Art
- > BTEC Digital Information Technology
- > Food Preparation and Nutrition
- > Sports Studies



Non-Exam Assessment

- > Teacher marks student work
- > Using exam board criteria
- > Samples sent to exam board for external moderation
- > Teacher marks confirmed or changed



How we will help your daughter

- > Lessons, homework and exam practice
- > Revision and study techniques: workshops
- > Intervention
- > Revision sessions
- > Extra teaching time



How we will help your daughter

- > Mock exams
- > Feedback
- > Pastoral support
- > And much more....



Intervention

- > Targeted students
- > Subject specific
- > After school
- > Friday mornings



Revision – future plans

- > Revision/intervention – regular reviews
- > Intervention will become more targeted after mocks
- > Target grade 5 borderline
- > Also grade 8/9 master classes
- > Saturdays revision sessions
- > Christmas and Easter holidays
- > October, February and May half-terms



How can you help your daughter?

- > Make dua
- > Emphasise the importance of exams
- > Ask her to take them seriously
- > Remind her to bring correct equipment to the exam
- > Arrange a quiet study space
- > Encourage her to revise
- > Keep making dua!



How can you help your daughter?

- > Ensure she eats healthily
- > Ensure that she is hydrated (particularly when fasting)
- > Ensure she gets a good night's sleep
- > Provide her with support and encouragement if she is anxious
- > Reduce tasks and distractions
- > Offer treats and rewards
- > Help her with revision



Supporting your daughter

- > Try not to be too harsh
- > Don't compare with siblings
- > Encourage and support
- > Worry and anxiety - parents and school will help
- > There is more than one way to revise
- > Be flexible and considerate
- > Keep calm and smile



Helping with revision

- > Exam calendars
- > Revision timetables
- > Plan for commitments
- > 30 – 60 minute slots
- > Short breaks



Revision techniques

- > Active revision
- > Mind maps
- > Summary notes
- > Post its
- > Flash cards
- > Mnemonics and acronyms
- > Being tested
- > Teach someone



Exam question practice

- > Use exam specifications
- > RAG rating
- > Use exam papers in different ways
- > Use mark schemes
- > Full exam conditions
- > If you don't understand a topic, you can't revise it
- > Use notes, guides, videos, online resources
- > See your teacher regularly



Next steps

- > A Levels or vocational subjects?
- > Sixth Form or college?
- > Which subjects do I like?
- > Which subjects am I good at?
- > What do I want to study at university?
- > What career paths am I considering?



Next steps

- > Sixth Form Open Evening dates
- > Applications
- > Conditional offers

