

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Please find attached a copy of the Yr11 December Examination Timetable. We will be running these examinations as close to real GCSE exams as possible. With that in mind, I am writing to ask you to check that your child has the correct equipment. As we all know, the main “enemy” in any examination is time - minutes equal marks which in turn equal grades. Having to ask for equipment during the examination breaks a thought pattern and loses valuable time.

Equipment needed:

- **Clear** pencil case or plastic wallet/food bag
- At least **2 working pens – BLACK INK ONLY**
- **2 sharpened** pencils
- 1 highlighter
- 1 ruler
- 1 eraser
- 1 **scientific calculator** – battery checked

If your child wants to take water in to the exam this should be in a clear bottle with the label removed.

Your child should arrive at the hall by **8.45 a.m.** for all morning exams and **1.05 p.m.** for the afternoon exams. All pupils who have additional exam access arrangements will be informed and have individual exam timetables.

For all Year 11 students this is an important time to anchor subject information and examination skills. It also provides an opportunity for pupils to learn from mistakes made, this can prove invaluable in the run down to the national examinations in May.

We have put in place a Subject Priority Timetable to support pupils with their revision and form tutors are encouraging pupils to plan time for revision at home. This being said, wellbeing is very important so please encourage your child to go to bed at a reasonable hour and to eat before coming to school.

Thank you for your support.

Kind regards,

Ms. S Ewing

Assistant Head Teacher