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Dear Parent / Carer / Year 11 Scholar

We are writing to you to provide a year 11 update. All scholars have continued to work exceptionally hard this half term – we are extremely proud of them. They have gone into their first exams well prepared!

Please encourage your child to have a revision plan, attend intervention and all the extra sessions that teachers run at weekends and in the holidays. There are some top revision tips at the end of this letter. A good evening and morning routine is really important. Try to encourage healthy eating, 8 hours of sleep, limited social media and time for exercise and hobbies. A free breakfast is available for all scholars at 7.45am each morning to support their daily routine.

This period of time can be overwhelming, please reach out to Mr Roberts, Miss Harvey or myself if you or your child needs any additional support.

Exam Expectations

All scholars must attend all lessons as normal unless they are required to attend an exam or compulsory revision session. On exam days it is really important that scholars arrive at Woodfields by **8am** to attend the subject exam briefings.

During the exam period scholars are not on study leave and are not allowed to leave the school site without advance permission. We firmly believe that scholars complete more purposeful revision with a subject specialist and in an environment where there is a strong routine embedded. Teachers are able to predict the most likely topics that will appear on a paper and are able to deliver specific and targeted revision. Scholars that do not attend school do not benefit from this.

All scholars must wear full school uniform, including their academy blazer and smart black shoes during the exam period and during the Leavers Assembly on Monday 15th June. Scholars may bring a spare shirt to the Leavers Assembly to be signed if they wish.

Exam Timetable

All scholars have received a copy of their individual exam timetable. The exam timetable specifies the dates and times of each of their examinations as well as their exam room and their seating location.

Your child has also received a day-by-day breakdown of all their exams, revision sessions and lessons. If your child is unsure how to read the runway or needs help identifying their classes, please encourage them to speak to their Apollo tutor who will go through the schedule with them.

Linked here for your reference: [06.a GCSE Exam Runway 2026 Scholar Version](#)



A copy is also attached to this letter.

As a parent you will be receiving text reminders of upcoming exams.

The period 6 schedule looks a little bit different during the exam period. We prioritise revision sessions for exams that are happening in the following couple of days. Sometimes a period 6 might be moved to a Tuesday or Friday so that scholars get the best revision opportunity. Please check the schedule carefully if you need to arrange transport for your child.

Weekend and Holiday Revision Sessions

Your child should be attending as many of these as possible! They are focused on exam practice and are designed to support your child access effective revision. In fact, all scholars that attended the English Literature revision on Sunday planned the exact Macbeth question that they had to answer in the exam!!

This **Saturday 16th May** we have two further revision sessions:

Business 9am – 11am

English Literature 11am – 1pm

The following revision sessions are planned for May Half Term

| Monday 25th May | Tuesday 26th May | Wednesday 27th May | Thursday 28th May | Friday 29th May |
|---|---|---------------------------------------|--|---|
| Physics Paper 1 10:00-12:00 VGI R102 | History 10:00-12:00 SMI R405 | Music 9:00 - 10:00 JAT R403 | English Language 10:00-12:00 CJU R306 | Biology Paper 2 10:00-12:00 BAL R102 |
| | Chemistry Paper 2 12:00-14:00 NSE R102 | History 10:00-12:00 KRU R415 | Maths 12:00-14:00 LSE/VSO R023 | Maths 12:00 - 14:00 VSO/ABR R026 |
| | | Spanish 12:00-14:00 SBO R121 | | |

On **Saturday 30th May** we have a History revision session

History 9am – 11am

On **Saturday 6th June** we have a Spanish revision session

Spanish 11am – 1pm

There may be additional revision sessions offered, and I will update you just before half term.

Rewards and Prom

This year Prom will take place at the Yorkshire Wildlife Park. The park hosted Woodfields last year and it was wonderful; the sun set over the meercat enclosure whilst the scholars were taking photos and having a dance!

We are also paying for year 11 prom tickets this year to reward our scholars for the sustained effort that are showing this year. As I previously explained, your child does need to maintain high attendance and low demerits if they want the ticket to remain free. So far around 90% of scholars still have a free ticket, which is brilliant!

To remind you of the criteria I have listed them below:

- The ticket remains free if your child has attendance above 97% and your child receives less than 20 demerits between January and the prom.
- Your child is still warmly invited to prom but must purchase a ticket if their attendance is between 90% and 97%, or they receive more than 20 demerits, between January and the prom.
- Your child will not be able to attend prom if their attendance drops below 90% (without an approved reason), or they have significant behaviour issues between now and the prom.

We will let you know if your child needs to buy a ticket on Friday 22nd May. All tickets will be non-refundable, entry to the Prom can be revoked at any time at the discretion of Mr Scales.

Uniform Donations

From Monday 15th June we will be accepting uniform donations. It is exceptionally helpful when scholars donate old uniform to our uniform store so that they can be washed and passed on to families in need. Please only donate items that are in good condition.

Scholars must continue to wear uniform to their exams, but are able to donate their uniform once their exams are complete.

Results Day – Thursday 20th August

If your child does not intend to collect their GCSE results in person, and wishes for someone else to collect their results on their behalf, they must write and sign a letter giving the person collecting their results permission. This letter must be handed to Mrs Southall. Parents, family members or friends will not be allowed to collect results without a written letter signed by the scholar.

In order to secure their chosen College or Post-16 place, all scholars must confirm their place with their chosen College or post-16 provider on results day. This might be via a portal, an email or in person depending on the College's own requirements. Please ensure that your child knows how they will need to confirm their place and is able to confirm their place on results day.

We will write to you with more information regarding results nearer the time.

College and Careers Appointments:

All year 11 scholars are still entitled to careers support with either of our independent careers advisors, Rhiannon Lister-Coburn or Lindsey Tugby-Andrew. Scholars are able to request an



additional appointment by speaking to the careers advisors, Mrs Hollingdrake, or Mr Harper. Parents are able to request support or guidance from by emailing either of our careers advisors. A meeting or phone call can be arranged. Please be aware that Lindsey only works on a Thursday and will reply during working hours on a Thursday.

Rhiannon Lister-Coburn Email: Rhiannon.Lister-Coburn@astreawoodfields.org

Lindsey Tugby-Andrews Email: Lindsey.Tugby-Andrew@astreaacademytrust.org

Additional dates to be aware of:

Tues 5th May – GCSE exams start

Monday 11th June – Y11 Leavers Event and Shirt Signing

Tues 16th June – GCSE exams finish

Wednesday 24th June – Contingency Exam Date (All scholars must be available if needed).

Thurs 25th June – Provisional Prom Date

Thurs 20th August – GCSE Results Day

If you have any further enquiries, please do not hesitate to email us

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Yours sincerely,



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Key Stage 4 Lead

Exam Timetable

| WEEK 2 | MONDAY 4 th May | TUESDAY 5 th May | WEDNESDAY 6 th May | THURSDAY 7 th May | FRIDAY 8 th May |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|--|--------------------------------------|
| AM | | Health & Social Care | | Sport Turkish L&R | |
| PM | | | | German L&R | |

| WEEK 1 | MONDAY 11 th May | TUESDAY 12 th May | WEDNESDAY 13 th May | THURSDAY 14 th May | FRIDAY 15 th May |
|---------------|---------------------------------------|--|--|---|---------------------------------------|
| AM | English Lit Paper 1 | | Geography Paper 1 | Maths Paper 1 Non-Calculator | History Paper 1 |
| PM | Business P1 Mandarin L&R | Biology Paper 1 | | German W | |

| WEEK 2 | MONDAY 18 th May | TUESDAY 19 th May | WEDNESDAY 20 th May | THURSDAY 21 st May | FRIDAY 22 nd May |
|---------------|---------------------------------------|--|--|---|---------------------------------------|
| AM | Chemistry Paper 1 | English Lit Paper 2 | French L&R | English Lang Paper 1 | Arabic L&R Turkish W |
| PM | Mandarin Writing | | | Business P2 | |

| WEEK 1 | MONDAY 1 st June | TUESDAY 2 nd June | WEDNESDAY 3 rd June | THURSDAY 4 th June | FRIDAY 5 th June |
|---------------|---------------------------------------|---|--|---|---------------------------------------|
| AM | | Physics Paper 1 | Maths Paper 2 Calculator | History Paper 2 | English Lang Paper 2 |
| PM | | Polish, Portuguese, Persian L&R Arabic W | Geography Paper 2 Bengali L&R | French W | Music |

| WEEK 2 | MONDAY 8 th June | TUESDAY 9 th June | WEDNESDAY 10 th June | THURSDAY 11 th June | FRIDAY 12 th June |
|---------------|---------------------------------------|--|---|--|--|
| AM | Biology Paper 2 | Spanish L&R | Maths Paper 3 Calculator | Geography Paper 3 Bengali W | Chemistry Paper 2 |
| PM | | | | Ext. Maths Paper 1 | Polish, Portuguese, Persian W |

| WEEK 1 | MONDAY 15 th June | TUESDAY 16 th June | WEDNESDAY 17 th June | THURSDAY 18 th June | FRIDAY 19 th June |
|---------------|--|---|---|--|--|
| AM | Physics Paper 2 | Spanish Writing | | | |
| PM | | Ext. Maths Paper 2 | | | |

Revision – Parent Guide

7 steps to success.

Step 1: Have a plan. Create a realistic revision timetable, and use the revision booklet as a checklist of revision tasks. A good revision timetable should include 4 x 25 minute revision per subject. Scholars remember more when they study a range of topics in smaller chunks.

Step 2: Create a calm study space. Remove distractions from their revision environment. Have boxes or folders for each subject (we can provide this).

Step 3: Regular brain breaks. Cognitive overload makes scholars less likely to remember and recall the information they are trying to learn.

Step 4: Find the revision technique that works for them. Reading and highlighting is not very effective. Try:

- Brain dumps of all the information they can remember
- Mind maps. Use words and images but keep the drawing simple.
- Make flashcards with quotes and formulae. Self test.
- Team up with a partner to keep themselves honest. 20 minutes to make notes, 10 minutes to test each other.
- Use past exam papers. Practice in timed conditions. Train themselves to focus.
- Use suggested videos. Scholars need to do something with the information, they can't just watch!

Step 5: Reflect. Go back to the plan. Tick of completed tasks. Highlight areas that they have struggled with and ask for help.

Step 6: Sleep. At least 8 hours. Remove distractions from their bedroom. Get an old fashioned alarm clock.

Step 7: Get a balance. Plan things that they will enjoy. Revision habits need to be sustainable. All scholars need breaks where they are not thinking about revision.