

13 May 2022

Dear Year 11 students and families,

As we approach the beginning of the main exam season next week, I wanted to take the opportunity to address some questions and issues that have been raised by parents or students.

Uniform

Students are required to wear their school uniform when they are on the school site so students will sit all of their exams in school uniform. Students are in school full-time until at least Friday 10 June, but even after this point when they are on the school site, they must wear their school uniform.

We will continue to review the weather forecast: we will allow PE kit to be worn in extreme heat. Where extreme heat is forecast, we will notify parents the day before an exam if students can wear PE kit instead. We appreciate that not all students have the school uniform shorts and want to avoid causing the extra cost of buying shorts for just a few weeks. Please be clear, however, that PE kit will only be acceptable where the school has explicitly communicated this to parents.

Traffic

Thank you to parents who have shared that there will be roadworks on Rampton Road from 21 – 29 May. The road will be open on weekdays, but there will be 2-way traffic lights which may cause some delays.

If buses are late, then we can delay the start of any morning exams. Where there are a number of students affected, we will delay the start of the exam time. Exams must begin within an hour of the official start time of 9am, but we have delayed an exam start for the year group in past years where there have been roadworks so it is a process that we are used to putting in place. For individuals who are late, they can be admitted into an exam once it has started (within an hour of the start time): they will have the full allocation of exam time.

Watches

From this academic year, **no** watches are allowed in the exam hall. If a student has a watch then they run the risk of disqualification. Therefore, we highly recommend that students put their watches safely in their bags which are stored safely outside of the exam venue. If students wish to hand watches into invigilators they do so at their own risk: watches and anything else handed in will be taken to Student Services and students can collect their possessions once the exam has finished.

Hayfever

This time of year is hayfever season. For any students who may need tissues in the exam, we will have tissues and packs of tissues available. They can ask invigilators for these: this is better than bringing their own, as all packs of tissues brought in by candidates must be checked by invigilators.

Water bottles are allowed, but **no** labels can be on the bottle and they must be clear.

Mr Kirby has also shared a letter about the Prom this year (on 1 July) which should answer any questions about the welcome return of this lovely annual event where we can celebrate the end of Year 11 with students.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all of the support you have offered your child as they prepare to take their final exams which are a culmination of all of their hard work and effort.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Amelia Parker', written in a cursive style.

Amelia Parker
Assistant Principal