

28 March 2024

Dear Parent/ Carer

Exam Warm Up and Top Up sessions

At The Hamble School we are committed to every student achieving their full potential in their examinations so that they have the opportunity to pursue further education and career pathways. With this in mind we have put together a thorough programme of structured revision lessons and warm up and top up sessions, which begin on Tuesday 7 May 2024. The enclosed booklet provides a guide for you and your child for each of the sessions taking place to support with their final examinations. Students have already received a paper copy of this. Up until Friday 14 June, when students are not in these sessions, they must attend lessons as normal.

Top up sessions will normally take place the day before each exam. Your child's teacher will provide support in covering topics that students feel they need to strengthen. These sessions will usually last an hour and will take place either within the school day or, where necessary, during intervention time at the end of the day immediately prior to the exam.

The Warm Up sessions will run immediately before each exam and provide a last-minute revision booster session. Morning Warm Up sessions will start at 8.20am and students are expected to attend the full session. May I ask you to support this initiative by making arrangements for your child to be in school and ready to start at 8.20am. Should you foresee any issues with this please contact me as soon as possible – svalleley@thehambleschool.co.uk. Afternoon Warm Up sessions will start at 12.20pm until 12.50pm.

We have explained to students that the exam period is relatively short and therefore it is important they are fully focussed on revision during this period. There will be revision sessions running at weekends for English and Maths – these are vital. We will also be planning intervention during the May half-term and would advise families to keep this week clear for revision.

During the examination period we will be opening L10 every morning from 8.00am as a quiet space if students want to come into school early. The Progress Zone or SC16 will also continue to be available at lunchtimes as a Year 11 Study Room. In addition, some students also have a mentor to support them through the exam period.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the upcoming key dates for Year 11:

- Easter Intervention in school – If you have not received a timetable please email me directly
- Thursday 18 April – A reminder that the Achieving Excellence Evening is at 6pm for 60-minutes. Sign up is free and you can register here: <https://forms.office.com/e/Yqc0appuaM>

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- After Tuesday 7 May – Normal Tuesday/ Thursday intervention sessions stop and we will follow the Top Up/ Warm Up booklet
- Friday 14 June – Year 11 last core exam (if students have been signed off). After this date students will just attend school when they have a Top Up/ Warm Up or exam
- Thursday 27 June – Year 11 Leavers' Assembly 9.30-10.45am and last day of school
- Thursday 04 July – Year 11 Prom at the Hilton at The Ageas Bowl. Students who are invited will be informed by letter in the next few weeks
- Thursday 22 August – Results Day 10.00-11.30am.

On Tuesday I talked through the examination regulations and expectations. Please do ensure your child has all the equipment they need (this is detailed at the back of the revision guide we sent out earlier today) and the information on our website regarding examination expectations. It is important that every student follows the policies/ procedures. <https://www.thehambleschool.co.uk/examination-information> If your child has Access Arrangements there is also information on here about maximising these concessions. We would also ask that you go through this with your son/ daughter to ensure they get the best possible outcomes.

Please note; in line with Hampshire County Council guidelines we are obliged to inform you that if your son/ daughter does not attend an examination a penalty notice will be issued for every paper missed. In addition to this the entry fee for each examination will need to be paid.

I do hope that you find this information useful and that you will join us in supporting your child to achieve their very best in the 2024 summer examinations. If your son/ daughter requires any further mental health or wellbeing support during the exam period, please do have a look at the Young Minds website: <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-a-z-mental-health-guide/exam-time/> or contact Mrs Barkshire (Progress Leader) lbarkshire@thehambleschool.co.uk

Yours faithfully



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If, at any time, you should require special arrangements to be made when visiting the school and/or in order to participate fully in supporting your child at school (e.g. an accessible venue for meetings, if you are a wheelchair user, assistance with translation of documents or enlarged copies of communications etc.), please do not hesitate to let us know.