

30 April 2023

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 Friday 12 May 2023. 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 16 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 12.20 until 12.50pm.

We have explained to students that the exam period is relatively short (six weeks) 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 really 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 A7 every morning from 8.00am as a quiet space if students want to come into school early. SC16 will also continue to be available at lunchtimes as a Year 11 Study Room. In addition, some students asked for a 'trusted adult/ mentor' to support them through the examination period – these members of staff have now been allocated.

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

- Tuesday 02 May – A reminder that the 'Power to Perform' online session is at 6pm for 30-minutes. Sign up is free and you can register here: <https://forms.office.com/e/izPSPtLmSd>
- Friday 12 May – Normal Tuesday/ Thursday intervention sessions stop and we will follow the Top Up/ Warm Up booklet.

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- Friday 16 June – Year 11 last day of school (if students have been signed off). After this date students will just attend school when they have an exam
- Thursday 22 June – Year 11 Leavers' Assembly 9.30-10.45am
- Thursday 06 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 24 August – Results Day 10.00-11.30am.

An email has already been sent home by our Exams Officer with statements of entry for examinations – Please do ensure that your son/ daughter has the correct name, date of birth and subjects listed on this email. If you have any concerns, please email Mrs N Fry nfry@thehambleschool.co.uk

On Friday I talked through the examination regulations and expectations – I have also attached a copy of my PowerPoint for your information. Please do take the time to read this 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 2023 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 Bone (Head of Year) sbone@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.