



27th February 2023

Dear Parents & Carers

Year 11 GCSE examination preparation and upcoming events.

I wanted to take the opportunity to update you on upcoming events in preparing your child for their GCSE examinations and Year 11 events for their remaining few months at Marshland.

With the latest set of PPEs exams now over, I wanted to say how impressed I have been with our students' behaviour and attitude in completing the theory and practical exams. I hope that the results reflect the effort that your child has applied to their revision.

I would remind you that if your child has an illness during the final exams in the summer, then a doctor's note is required to be sent to school for the exam board to make their final decision on any special consideration that may apply. Special considerations are only given in serious or exceptional circumstances and often has a very limited positive impact on a child's GCSE outcome. If your child fails to attend an exam with no valid reason, then the school may decide to charge you the entry fee.

The PPE papers are now being marked with plans to share the results and your child's final report with you the week commencing 13th March, ready for your child's last Parents Evening on **Thursday 16th March**. Parents Evening meetings will be held virtually between 4pm and 7pm, due to the ongoing building work at school. You can now book your appointments online now via the following link - <https://marshland.schoolcloud.co.uk/Auth/Parent>. We will also remind you how to access your appointments through the same link.

Staff are working hard to ensure that your child is best prepared for the final exams and we have an extensive intervention programme taking place throughout the week (please see below). If your child has been invited to a session then they must attend to ensure that they achieve their target grade in the summer. If your child has not had an invitation then they should speak to their teachers about revision that they can be doing outside of lesson and utilising the GCSEPod website that the school has purchased to support their learning. Completing past exam board papers and checking their work themselves is highly recommended too. During the Easter and May half term breaks there will be additional revision sessions and details will be shared closer to the time. I would strongly recommend that your child attends as many of these as possible.

I also must stress the importance of school attendance at this time. Every single lesson and intervention session really count, and I am sure that I can rely on you getting your child into school, even if they are a little under the weather.

During the examination period, we will be holding final revision sessions after school prior to each exam. This will be an opportunity to revise any last bits of information and to get your child fully prepared for their exam the following day with tips on how to answer questions as effectively as possible. Again, I will share further information nearer the time.

Between now and the final exams there will be a number of final practical/speaking exams in Creative Design, Art, Photography, Physical Education, French, German and English. These exams all contribute towards your child's final grade and must be completed on the set dates. Failure to attend these practical/speaking exams will significantly impact your child's chance of



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achieving the grade that they are capable of, so please ensure that they are fully prepared and ready.

Marshland High Intervention Schedule - Spring 2023					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Lunchtime	Lunchtime	Lunchtime	Lunchtime	Lunchtime	Morning
Y11 Biology in S4 Triple content only		Yr10 3D Design in D1 Mrs Swinburn	Y11 Citizenship in H7 'catch up' Ms Benson	Y11 Art in D6 Mrs Harris	Maths 0800-1100 Humanities block
Y11 History in H3 'Troubleshooting' Miss Beatty		Y10 Photography in D3 Mrs Norman & Miss Welsh	Y11 Business Studies in D5 Mr Hambright	Y11 Photography in D3 Mrs Norman	English 0800-1000 Humanities block
		Y10 Art D6 Mrs Harris		Yr11 and 10 3D Design In D1 Mrs Swinburn	Science 0800-1100 Humanities block
After school	After school	After school	After school	After school	
	Y11 Maths In M1 - M5, H1	Y11 English; in E1, E3 & LS1	Y11 Biology Combined content in S4	Y11 Geography in H2 Mr Moore	
	Y11 Geography in H5 Miss Cardosa	Y11 Additional Maths Higher Only in M2 Miss Lewis	Y10 & 11 Art in D6 Mrs Harris	Y11 Film Studies in D3 Mr Hudson	
	Y11 PE PEP in L3 Mr Stannard and Mrs Beck	Y11 History in H3 Miss Dye	Y10 & 11 3D Design in D1 Mrs Swinburn		
			Y11 Photography in D3 Mrs Norman		
			Y10 & 11 Nutrition in D3 Mr Goddard		
			Y11 German in L2 Ms Roeder		
			Y11 French in L1 Mrs Coleman		
			Y11 GCSE PE in L3 Mr Stannard & Mrs Beck		

Your child has been issued with the exams timetable, informing them of when and at what time each exam is. Please go through this with them. The Government has assigned Wednesday 28th June as a contingency date, if there is any significant event that has impacted on the exams taking place, so your child must be available to be in school on this day if required.

Please check that your child has completed all of their applications for Sixth Form, College or an apprenticeship as soon as possible and they have informed the school. Interviews are currently being held and we will support your child through this process.

The Year 11 Prom is being held on **Friday 30th June** at Marshland High School. Carriages are due to arrive from 6pm, with students being invited to be seated for the evening to start at 7pm. We hope that you can come and join in the celebrations of your child's time at Marshland. The Prom is by invite only and further details will be sent to you over the coming weeks. The school reserves the right to withdraw an invitation if the required attendance, standards and behaviour are not being met in school.

Finally, in your child's final assembly I would like to provide each student with a message from home from their loved ones. If you would like to provide a message, please get them me by the start of the May half term break, with your child's full name on the envelope.

If you require any further information about any of the items mentioned, please do not hesitate to contact me by email c.teanby@marshlandhigh.co.uk

Yours faithfully,
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