

Thursday 25 April 2019

Dear parent/carer,

Re: GCSE Public Examinations 2019

In two weeks, on Monday 13th May 2019, the GCSE public examinations will begin. At St Julie's we have put in a lot of targeted strategies to ensure that your daughter is able to fully prepare for this crucial time in her academic life. To further support this, St Julie's have built subject-specific masterclasses into the Year 11 timetable across the duration of the exam season. This information was sent home before the Easter holidays.

In February 2019 all students received a copy of their examination timetable and a paper copy of the JCQ guidance relating to exam procedures and student conduct during the exam season.

A letter was also sent to all parent/carers, early March 2019, to inform that at St Julie's, we will not be granting study leave to the Year 11 students. As previously explained, this is in line with all secondary schools in Liverpool. Therefore, your daughter will be expected to attend school each day until her last exam. To coincide with this, and to support your daughter's exam preparation during this period, a fully bespoke timetable of subject masterclasses will be executed by curriculum specialists between the following dates: Thursday 9th May – Friday 14th June 2019. We have scheduled the masterclasses to ensure that they are built into the school timetable, (50 minute sessions), to provide effective and timely provision for your daughter's revision. The masterclasses will be carried out in a lecture style format in The Chapel and will focus on the mastery and recall of content and skills.

Previous years has demonstrated that students achieve higher grades by being present in school and attending all lessons, masterclasses and additional revision sessions. Year 11 students will have exclusive access to B001, which has a full suite of computers and will be available throughout the day.

All students will continue to receive support on a daily basis within lessons, and during lunchtime and after-school sessions during the exam season for 2019. Revision materials (including GCSE Pod and a USB pen with past papers and mark schemes) were given to all students before Christmas. A copy of the planned revision sessions for the May half-term will be sent out within the next couple of weeks.

May I take this opportunity to say how proud we are of your daughter's achievements so far. She has worked hard and this final push, dedication and focus on her studies will really support her future progression. We have a number of staff from across the school who will continue to support your daughter on an academic and pastoral level. During the examination season your daughter will be entitled to a free breakfast from 8.00am each morning from Monday 13 May. This will include hot and cold breakfast options. Alongside this we also have Treat Friday! This is well received and typically involves free cake or biscuits at break-time.

If you have any questions regarding the support in place for your daughter or regarding the upcoming GCSEs, please do not hesitate to contact the Key Stage 4 team at the school on:

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Thank you for your continued support of your daughter's education. We wish her the very best of luck during the exam season 2019.

Yours faithfully

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