



12 April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see some of you at the Year 10 evening 'Equipping Parents to support their child' on revision earlier this week. In particular, the RE examinations are getting closer and I know students are preparing well with a key focus on revision. To achieve a positive result in RE, before the start of Year 11, will not only represent important 'currency' for entry to later study, but will also build confidence in strategies adopted up to this point.

There is still a lot of support on offer from the RE Department - please see below for the events timetabled in April, May and June.

Day/Date/Time	Room	Topic	Staff members
Wednesday 17 April	H107	Islam (Beliefs and practices)	GV/TB
Thursday 25 April	H118	Exam skills (15 markers)	JJM/KP/EJM
Wednesday 1 May	H107	Exam skills (5 and 8 markers)	CV/TB
Tuesday 7 May	All RE rooms	Challenging themes topics (PIZZA NIGHT!!!)	JJM/KP/EJM/GV/TB
Wednesday 8 May 3.20-4.45pm	All RE rooms	All Themes topics	JJM/KP/EJM/GV/TB
Wednesday 15 May 3.20-4.45pm	H118	Christianity (All topics)	JJM/KP/EJM
Thursday 23 May	H118	Islam challenging topics	JJM/KP/EJM
Half term	All students will be set a 1 hour Islam past paper to complete		
Wednesday 4 June	H107	Islam (Beliefs and Practices)	CV/TB
Thursday 5 June	H118	Islam (Beliefs and Practices)	JJM/KP/EJM
Final exams	Thursday 9 May 2024 - Paper 1 (Themes 2 hours) Thursday 16 May 2024 - Paper 2 (Christianity 1 hour) Friday 7 June 2024 - Paper 3 (Islam 1 hour) Please note if you miss any of these GCSE Exams you will lose the marks for the paper and will NOT be able to re-sit.		

Circumstances affecting students during the exam period

Our students have demonstrated throughout this year that they are well prepared for the Summer exam season, which has now returned to pre-pandemic standards and arrangements. We just wanted to take this opportunity to share some key points from the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) guidance which we have to follow in the unlikely eventuality that a student is unable to attend an exam or is impacted by circumstances beyond their control, and to highlight some of our school specific procedures to support this.

Where it is not possible at the last moment for a student to sit an examination, due to temporary illness, injury etc, or there is some other circumstances where a student can sit the exam but is adversely impacted by something beyond their control **at the time of the assessment** then the awarding body **may** make some form of special consideration.

The awarding of special consideration for circumstances at the time of the assessment is at the discretion of the awarding body, in line with the [JCQ Guidance for Special Consideration](#) and only goes a small way to compensating for any situation rather than replicating necessarily the student's full capability. Wherever possible it is usually in the best interest of a student to sit the examination.

All examinations measure what a student knows and can do at the time of the assessment, and awarding bodies do not consider longer term circumstances that may have prevented a student from reaching the standards they may otherwise have done.

If there is a situation where a student cannot attend or is experiencing difficulties then we ask:

- Parents/Carers to phone into school before 8:30am if a student is unable to attend on the day explaining the reason why.
- Where a student is able to attend exams but is impacted by something such as injury, family bereavement etc please inform the exams team as soon as possible by e-mailing exams@northleamington.co.uk.

The Exams team will then be in touch to discuss how we can support and to liaise regarding any paperwork and evidence that would be needed if it was appropriate to make a request for special consideration to the awarding body.

If you do have any queries please contact exams@northleamington.co.uk

Results Day Year 10

A reminder that GCSE results day for Year 10 is on Thursday 22 August. We will post home all results that day however, if any students would prefer to collect their result in person they can do this at 9:15am from school. Results can only be collected by the student themselves.

Year 10 Subject Evening - Monday 15 April 2024

A reminder the Year 10 Subject Evening is on Monday and is a great opportunity to receive feedback from your child's subject teachers on their progress, and what they can do to improve. It is encouraged that students attend to hear what is going well, and where improvements can be made. All bookings are via *SchoolCloud* and appointments can be made until Monday 15 April 2024 at 9am.

Yours sincerely

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