

## **Upper Sixth Students Examinations & Arrangements for the end of the Summer Term 2018**

I am pleased to enclose your son/daughter's fourth and final Interim Report for this academic year. Hopefully, the Report contains effort grades of 3 or 4 and an actual attendance level of at least 90%. However, if this is not the case, I am sure you will wish to explore this with your son/daughter and his/her Senior Tutor.

### **End of Year Arrangements**

Upper Sixth students will continue with their normal timetable up to and including **Friday 25 May**. However, some may be resitting AS modules before this date. Students will be emailed an exam timetable to their College account. **Students may choose to revise at home in the morning when they have an afternoon examination, but are expected to attend the afternoon lessons if they have a morning examination.**

Students will be issued with a revision planner indicating the work they should do each day through half term (Monday 28 May to Friday 1 June). In addition, most subject areas will be offering 'impact' revision sessions a few days before the actual A Level examinations – **I cannot stress how vital these can be**. Dates and venues for these sessions will be published next term.

### **Revision**

It is essential that your son/daughter plans a personal study programme up to the examinations, commencing at the very latest, by the start of the Easter holiday (Friday 30 March to Friday 13 April). Departments will be issuing specific guidance for their subjects. Revision needs to be an active process. Please encourage your son/daughter to spend time on past exam papers, which can be found on Moodle.

Whilst the holidays are a break from College, your son/daughter should aim to be **studying for an average of five hours per day** during this period to ensure maximum preparation and success in the examinations and final coursework assignments. It is not that difficult to fit in this amount of work, providing your son/daughter does not have too many late nights and long lay-ins.

It is about getting the balance right. Sensible, well-planned revision now should result in commendable results. If, however, your son/daughter gives the impression that they are simply 'on holiday' or uses this as an opportunity to undertake additional paid work, disappointment could well follow.

### **Examination Period**

Students should arrive in good time for all their examinations, which unless otherwise notified, begin at **9.00am** or **1.30pm**. We are all aware that public transport is not always reliable, so students must leave ample time to get to College at least **20 minutes in advance** of start time. **We cannot delay the start of an examination for those who arrive late**. Students should also double check the time of their examinations on a regular basis – every year a few students miss examinations without good reason and there is nothing we can do to help them. Students should arrive fully equipped and ensure they know the location of each examination; this information can be found on the **Examinations Notice Board** located in County Building corridor.

**Newsletter**

Please find enclosed the latest College newsletter, **On Route**. This gives an overview of the exciting events that have occurred during the past few months. I am sure you will agree that the College is a real community, offering the students a wealth of opportunities.

**Textbook/Library Book/Equipment Returns 2018**

Students should return all textbooks/library books/equipment directly to the ILC in the Langham Building (L101) **no later than their final exam**. Early returns will be welcomed. Please **do not return anything to anyone other than the staff in the ILC**.

A notice listing all books/equipment on loan will be emailed to your son/daughter at the beginning of the summer term and any lost or damaged books/equipment will be deducted from the book deposit held. Book deposits will then be returned once library accounts are clear.

**Meningitis and students going to University**

Please refer to Meningitis Now for useful information about young people going to University, see link: <https://www.meningitisnow.org/meningitis-explained/signs-and-symptoms/meningitis-children-and-young-people>.

**Leavers Event**

The LeaversFest will be held at the College on **Friday 25 May**. This will be an opportunity for all Upper Sixth students to celebrate their time at the College and say goodbye to staff and each other. The event will include live performances on the lawn stage, dodgems and few surprises. Tickets for the event will be available for purchase on [www.rcsuevents.co.uk](http://www.rcsuevents.co.uk) from **Monday 16 April**. Upper Sixth will also be able to purchase Leavers Hoodies should they wish to, from the same site.

**Summary of Holiday Dates to Note**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Friday 30 March – Friday 13 April	Easter Holiday – Students return Monday 16 April
Monday 7 May	Bank Holiday – <b>College closed</b>
Friday 25 May (4pm to 7pm)	LeaversFest
Monday 28 May – Friday 1 June	Half Term
Thursday 16 August	A Level results day
Thursday 23 August	GCSE results day

I hope that everything goes well for your son/daughter in the weeks ahead and that he/she is rewarded for all his/her hard work by excellent examination results.

**Nick Clark**  
Principal

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