

Alcester Academy

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Dear Year 11 Parents/Carers

Good afternoon

Please find this week's updates for Year 11 specifically. Thanks to Mr Cooke for putting together the information for you last week. I am also grateful to many of you who found time to help get students to Easter holiday sessions, thank you for this.

Alternative Timetable

I have attached a copy of the Alternative Timetable for you as parents. This has been discussed now for many weeks both via letters and also specifically with the students in an assembly. The timetable shows how we manage key sessions of revision before GCSE exams for the students. Although it may appear complicated, on Monday, students will receive their own hard copy and will sit and highlight their personal pathway through the exam season.

As a reminder, we do not grant study leave during the few weeks of the GCSEs. Students are expected to be in school, in uniform (or their leavers' hoodie).

We will be placing a copy of this on the website should you or students misplace this at any time. And, note the additional Saturdays and half term sessions for May that are added to it. May half term is still being planned for students and may develop over the initial exam weeks as need evolves.

Where students all have time granted at home for their well-being (shown in green on the alternative timetable), we are very happy to accommodate students who might find it hard to get home mid-way through a school day because of transport. If you let us know of these cases, we can accommodate a private revision space for some independent study in school during these times. Any queries, please do let us know.

Art/Photography Exams and Performing Arts Assessments

Congratulations to the students for their dedication this week with these exams. It's been a great start for these students and I'm proud of their hard work. Similarly, our performing artists had a superb day last week immersed in their fantastic final assessments.

MFL

Looking ahead, speaking exams start on Monday 22nd April and continue for one week. Students should bring a pen to the exam and arrive 5 mins before their exam starts. Times have been allocated for each student. This is a sure sign that the GCSE season is beginning.



Geography

There are lots of resources for revision on google classroom. Students should now be preparing for their paper 1 exam on May 17th, which is Physical geography. This is living things, glaciers, rivers and hazards.

Paper 3 pre-release prep begins next week so make sure students check out the Mr B YouTube videos and the pre-release booklet itself on google classroom.

Science Updates

Thanks to the science team for conducting one more round of papers since Easter. Following the marking of these, tiers of entry will be finalised, and key staff will be in touch with you as parents if this may change any previous discussions that you have had.

DT Deadline

The deadline for all DT work (Miss Wincup) is tomorrow. 19th April.

Here is the revision timetable currently in place:

Day	Option lunch 1.50-2.20pm	Option after school 3.35-4.15pm
Monday	French, Sport PE1 / Study room M5	
Tuesday	Further <u>maths</u> PE1 Study room S5	English
Wednesday	ICT Creative iMedia Media Studies catch up Study room E2	Computer Science Hospitality and Catering DT
Thursday	German/Study room E2 Geography H2 and H3	Art & Photography History
Friday	Science	Science

As ever, if you have any questions about this important time, do get in touch.

Yours sincerely



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