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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you of the arrangements for GCSE Exams this summer as there have been some changes to previous years.

Firstly, the majority of the exams will be held in the Spirit of Sport sports hall. This is a new location for exams, and it is hoped that the quieter environment will better aid concentration.

For those pupils who have individual arrangements for exams, a separate room will be set aside in the Spirit of Sport building.

All morning exams will begin at 9.00am and most afternoon exams at 1.30pm. The only exceptions in the afternoon will be Resistant Materials (Monday 8 June), Chinese (Thursday 11 June) and Graphics (Wednesday 17 June). These three exams will start at 1pm.

It is vital that pupils are punctual for all exams. Latecomers disrupt the exam conditions for those who have already started, and they also run the risk of not being allowed access to the exam hall, and so failing the exam. Pupils already know that mobile phones and other electronic equipment, such as iPods and MP3 players, are not allowed into the exam hall. Again, pupils can be disqualified from their exam if this rule is broken. Ideally, pupils will not have these items on them before the exam, however if they do, they must hand them in to the invigilators.

Blessed Trinity expects the highest standards from its pupils during the exam season, and this applies to uniform as well. Normal full school uniform, including ties and black shoes must be worn. In addition, the school's standards regarding jewellery and make-up still apply. Senior staff will be present at the start of every exam and will be on hand to ensure uniform rules are applied.



Can I ask also that your child is fully aware of what equipment is required for each exam and arrives with the correct stationery, especially for more specialist exams such as Maths, Science and Technology.

In addition, we are opening up the school library from 4.30pm till 7pm every Monday to Thursday evening. This is a dedicated quiet working space just for Year 11 pupils. It is fully staffed and all pupils are invited to use the facility.

May I take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your co-operation with these arrangements. I share with you the understanding that this is a stressful time for the pupils, but hope that clear knowledge of our expectations beforehand can help alleviate issues before they arise.

This booklet contains the school's exam timetable as well as information all candidates should make themselves aware of before the exams start. I hope the information proves useful in the coming weeks. Should you have any further questions, feel free to contact either myself or Mrs Sarah Williams our Exams Officer.

Kind regards, and wishing your child every success for their exams,

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