

Tuesday 24th April 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 12 Study Leave and Examinations Continuing 'A' Level and BTEC Courses

The study leave for AS Level courses commences on Monday 13th May with students returning to A2 timetabled lessons on Monday 3rd June. **Today all students received their personalised examination timetable via their HWB email.** The timetables provide dates and times of examinations. If you could find time to go through the timetable at home, this would be very much appreciated. An overall timetable of all exams can be found on our website [HERE](#).

KS5 Revision Programme

Building on mock exam preparation, Year 12 students are having regular revision skills sessions with their Form Tutor this half term, as part of weekly Wellbeing lessons and Daily AM Registration time. The sessions focus on how to create an effective revision timetable and understanding different revision strategies. In addition to this, subject teachers are offering after school revision sessions which they will communicate to their classes directly about and advertise on Google Classroom.

Examinations

For all examinations, students must wear the correct school uniform. Students must assemble at 8.50am outside the examination room in preparation for a 9.00am start. For afternoon examinations, students should ensure that they have sufficient time to have lunch and prepare themselves thoroughly to be seated in the examination room by 12.50pm.

If your son or daughter is on BTEC / Vocational course(s) please refer to the section below concerning attendance on BTEC / Vocational courses during AS Study Leave. If your son or daughter is on AS Level course(s) please consult the section below concerning these courses.

BTEC/vocational course attendance

Students taking BTEC and Vocational courses will be required to continue attending timetabled lessons for these courses throughout the AS Study Leave period.

Moving from AS to A2 courses from Monday 3rd June

From Monday 3rd June, A2 timetables will begin and will continue for the remainder of term.

Most students in Year 12 are currently following four subjects. We recommend that students continue with all four of their subjects. As the AS exam results will not be available until 15th August, we do not expect any student to make decisions concerning Year 13 A2 course choices until after that date. All students will therefore continue with the study of all their existing courses until the summer term officially ends. Any student who decides not to continue with a course until the end of the summer term would do so against the advice of the school.

We believe it is essential that students continue with all of their existing courses until the official end of term. A2 courses begin immediately after the end of AS exams, and it would be almost impossible for a student to continue with an A2 subject should they miss these vital last 6 weeks of the term. The subject work carried out during this time (in some cases, coursework) cannot be replaced later. I hope that by alerting you to the potential consequences of making early course decisions, we can ensure that your son or daughter is in the best position to be successful with A2 courses next year.

Y12 Wellbeing lessons in June and July: post-18 Pathways and university applications

Weekly Wellbeing lessons are led by the Form Tutor and will explore the range of post-18 pathways available to students when they leave school, from university degrees and further education colleges to apprenticeships. Students will be reviewing their subjects and considering their options as they research their university/higher education destinations in Wellbeing lessons and during our Summer Learning days

(16th – 18th July). Students will start their UCAS applications and write personal statements during these sessions.

All courses expectations and requests

At MCS we believe it is against the best interests of students to take time off for holidays during the last weeks of the summer term for the reasons indicated above. The school does not authorise term time holidays. We would also appreciate your assistance in reminding your son or daughter that school uniform should be worn as normal when attending school during the study leave period, even if it is for study and support, not timetabled lessons.

Yours sincerely

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