

RFE/ARA

25<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Principal  
Shaun Strydom MEd

Dear Parents/Carers,

There are only a few weeks left until the final GCSE examinations start for the Year 11 students. Reaching this stage in secondary education is both an exciting and daunting time.

During term four all the students and staff are completely focussed on the final exam preparation. After school and holiday intervention sessions will be provided by many subjects and the staff are going the extra mile to ensure all the Year 11 students maximise their potential.

I know that at home you are also supporting your child with their exam revision, planning and preparation. It is important that they are revising effectively by not only learning the course content but also by applying their knowledge to past exam questions. It is also vital that students take care of their well-being by sleeping well and eating healthily during this period. This is especially true on the nights before their exams.

### Year 11 examination dates and times

An individual timetable went home to students last term and is viewable on Edulink. It is critical that your child attends all their exams and is on time. **The morning exams start at 9am and the afternoon exams start at 1.00 pm. For AM exams, students must be at Brooke Weston Academy for 8.45 am and for PM exams, 12.45 pm.**

Year 11 students need to attend in their usual school uniform and must swipe in with their ID card when they arrive each day. They will also need to have their ID card for identification, along with the correct equipment for their exams.

**Please note that examinations start in week 8 on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May and that there are no school buses running over the May holiday from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May until Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May.** There are a significant number of exams during this break and it is important that you put in place arrangements to drop off and collect your child during this period. Some students will only have one exam in a day so please organise to collect them after the exam is finished. **The library will also be open to students during the May break if they would like to come into school to revise independently.**

Over the two-week May holiday there is no lunch provision offered by the academy. If your child has an exam in the morning and afternoon, they will need to either bring a packed lunch or you will need to give them consent, using the form linked below, to leave the school site to buy lunch from the local supermarkets or shops. Lunch can only be eaten in the restaurant or at the location they purchase their lunch. Students who are allowed out for lunch need to return 30 minutes before the exam is due to start.

<https://forms.office.com/e/69VV9YcEyn>

## Year 11 study leave

Year 11 students are required to attend school as normal until **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2024**. Please ensure that you support us in ensuring your son/daughter attends school throughout this time. We provide a bespoke revision schedule for all of our students to ensure they get the support they need throughout the exam period. Following this, students will be on study leave and can revise for their exams at home and only attend school for their exams.

## Year 11 end of year celebrations

We have made some changes to the plans we communicated with you last term due to some updates to the exam timetable. Please see the new plan for our end of year celebrations in the table below.

<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May</b>	Shirt-signing, photography & leavers assembly
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Alton Towers trip (letter to follow)

## Year 11 Prom

The Year 11 Prom is an important celebration of the Year 11 students' hard work over their time at Brooke Weston Academy. The Year 11 Prom takes place on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at Holiday Inn Corby**. It will be a fantastic evening, and we hope to see as many students there as possible. More information has been sent separately and menu choices and seating plans will follow in due course.

## Finance

Please note that we expect all accounts to be settled in full by the time a student officially completes Year 11. Your son/daughter must also ensure any outstanding borrowed books are returned to the library before they complete Year 11.

## GCSE Results Day

GCSE results will be available from the Academy from 8am on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2024**. Senior staff will be available to support the year 11 students with their results and next steps.

If students are unable to collect their results in person, they can provide us with a letter or email giving consent for a third party to collect their results. They must bring proof of identity with them. Please note that the school will not be able to give results to anyone else (including family members) without the student's written consent.

If you are going to be away on results day then please make these arrangements now, as we will be unable to accept instructions by telephone on the day.

Can I take this opportunity to thank you all for your support so far and ask that you continue to support us by ensuring that your child is **on time each day, dressed appropriately and equipped for their lessons**. I would like to remind you that you can contact me at any point if you require any further guidance.

Yours sincerely



Shaun Strydom  
Principal

