

Small School • Strong Values • Great Experiences

Headteacher: Mr Ben Riggott

Parkside Community School Boythorpe Avenue, Chesterfield Derbyshire S40 2NS

Tel: 01246 273458 Email: info@parkside.derbyshire.sch.uk Web: www.parkside.derbyshire.sch.uk

BRI/SRU

16 May 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to update you on the progress of our current Year 11 students towards their forthcoming examinations and inform you of further details with regards to the exam season.

At present, Year 11 students are working incredibly hard in lessons, they have attended additional tuition sessions after school and undertaken independent study at home in preparation for their exams. They have demonstrated resilience and determination, and I am sure that they are ready to take on the challenge of GCSE examinations.

As you are already aware, the examination period started today, Monday 16 May. In order to support the students immediately before their exam; breakfast and a preexam warm up session have been organised for all students if they have a morning exam at 9.00 am.

School gates will open at 8.00am to allow students access onto site, and all students must arrive **no later than 8:15am**. If your child is going to be late for the 9am start of the exam, due to unforeseen circumstances, please contact the school as soon as possible. We will endeavour to ensure that they can still complete the examination, but the awarding body may not accept their exam paper if they are very late.

All students will be required to stay in school and attend normal timetabled lessons when they are not sitting an exam. Normal timetabled lessons will be in place throughout the exam period and we have also adapted the timetable to ensure that all students will have contact time with their subject specialist immediately prior to any exam. These changes to the original school timetable will be communicated on a daily basis to all students via student briefing and our internal media systems.



As we progress through the exam period, there will however, be significant amendments to students' timetables, which are outlined below:

Thursday 16 June

History students to arrive by 8.15am for their exam at 9.00am. All other students to arrive at 10.40am for a Science revision session. Spanish students remain in school for a Spanish revision session periods 5&6. All other students will go home after period 4 (12.45pm).

Friday 17 June

Spanish students to arrive by 8.15am for their exam at 9.00am. All other students to arrive at 10.40am for a science revision session. All students will go home after period 4 (12.45pm)

Monday 20 June

All students to arrive by 8.15am for their Science exam at 9.00am History students will remain onsite until 12.45pm for an additional History revision session.

All non-History students will be able to leave site after the Science exam.

Tuesday 21 June

History students to arrive by 8.15am for their History exam at 9.00am All other students to use this day as a home study day.

Wednesday 22 June

All students to arrive at 10.40 for brunch and Science revision sessions. All students will be able to leave site at the end of period 4 (12.45pm)

Thursday 23 June

All students to arrive by 8.15am for their Science exam at 9.00am. All students will be able to leave site after the Science exam.

Friday 24 June

All students to arrive at 11.35am and report to the canteen for shirt signing followed by a Leavers' assembly – which will be a celebration of their time at Parkside Community School, including certificates and rewards.

Thursday 30 June – Prom!

Our annual Y11 Prom will take place at Ringwood Hall Hotel and Spa. It will be a fantastic event and we are very much looking forward to celebrating with the students. Please note our payment deadline of Wednesday 18 May, in order for us to confirm numbers at Ringwood Hall.

I'd like to take the opportunity to extend my thanks for your continued support. Should you wish to discuss anything covered in this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Asher Assistant Headteacher: Curriculum

