



4th May 2022

Y11 Exams

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we are nearing the first public exam for GCSE and 'A' Level we thought it would be a good opportunity to remind you of key information about how the exams will be conducted throughout this time.

All exams will take place in the Sports Hall or specialist rooms and are arranged into morning and afternoon sessions. Morning exams start at 9am promptly and afternoon exams at 1pm. Students who have exams both in the am and pm sessions will obviously have time for breaks and lunch built in to their schedules. Please be aware that some of the afternoon exams may finish after 3pm due to the length of the paper so students need to be prepared for this. Where an afternoon exam finishes at or after 2.30pm, students will be allowed to go home early.

Students will attend school throughout the exam period in order that they can be fully supported in their revision by their teachers. Experience has taught us that students feel more confident when completing their revision in this way, rather than in isolation for extended periods of time at home. In-school supported revision, coupled with independent revision in the evenings and weekends, where students can raise any questions they have highlighted in their independent study with their teachers reduces anxiety around the exam process and enables staff to build confidence.

Students will have their Year 11 Celebration Assembly after their morning exam on the 10th June and they will be allowed to go home straight after this event as there are no exams that afternoon. After the 10th June, there will be a timetable of revision lessons for the exams that are still remaining and students will only need to attend the revision lessons if they still have an exam in that subject.

JCQ have recently updated their information regarding the arrangements for Special Consideration for students whose performance has been detrimentally affected on the day of an exam. The criteria for an application to the Exam Board for Special Consideration is very clear and limited to specific events and exceptional circumstances. The full details of this guidance can be found [here](#) but the key points are as follows:

- There are unexpected circumstances that may impact a child's performance on the day of their exam eg a student has contracted Covid and is unwell with clear symptoms and a continued high temperature
- The JCQ guidelines are very clear about what these circumstances are and they do NOT include minor illness on the day or events that have happened some time before the exam



- In order to be awarded a grade in any subject a student must have completed at least one component of the assessments in that subject overall
- Special Consideration will only be granted at a maximum of 5% of the marks and will very often be lower than this

If you feel that your child may have grounds to apply for Special Consideration for one of their exams then you should contact a member of the Yr 11 pastoral team at school as soon as you can to be advised as to whether the JQC criteria has been met in your circumstances. You can find answers to frequently asked questions regarding this process [here](#)

Revision Guidance

As you will be aware there are lots of helpful links on our website to help your child revise and we hope that you have been finding our weekly 'top tips' notifications via Class Charts helpful. Students are continuing to work through a variety of revision strategies during their tutor time and there are subject-specific support sessions, as well as general revision sessions taking place each morning in the Sixth Form View from 8am to 8.30am. All students are welcome and will be supported by staff in preparing their revision materials. A free breakfast will be provided for all students who wish to take advantage of this opportunity.

As always, we have been very proud with the way Year 11 students are rising to the challenges they face and engaging with their learning in lessons. We will continue to support their revision programme and to build their confidence so that they are well prepared for their summer examinations.

Finally, if you have any questions or queries, no matter how small, please do contact us. Subject specific questions should be via subject staff and more general queries should be addressed to the Y11 cluster team via the email info@glossopdale.school

Yours faithfully,

Miss Lynsey Geary
Head of Key Stage 4



Glossopdale School, Newshaw Lane,
Hadfield, Glossop SK13 2DA
Executive Headteacher: D McGloin

Email: info@glossopdale.school
Tel: 01457 862336
Web: www.glossopdale.school

Glossopdale
School 