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Dear Parent,

As we approach the GCSE examinations I would like to inform you of some key dates and activities.

GCSE examinations commence on Monday 13 May and Year 11 lessons will continue until Friday 24 May (end of term 5). From Monday 3 June (start of term 6) students will only attend lessons in subjects in which they still have to sit an examination. After that examination lessons will finish. Staff will continue to provide timetabled lessons until Friday 14 June.

From the 3 June students shall be free to go home after the last lesson of the day if they wish; alternatively they may do some quiet and supervised revision in the Library between lessons. Attendance will be monitored and contact made with parents if a student fails to attend necessary lessons. There may be some students who are required to follow an individualised timetable during this period if we still have concerns regarding their effort and attainment.

Students have been reminded that we expect a high standard of conduct and co-operation in the final week of full timetabled lessons. Students who disrupt the learning environment or behave in a way not befitting this educational establishment risk compromising their references. Students may be prevented from sitting any remaining GCSE examinations unless parents accompany them on the school site. The vast majority of our students do not need such stark reminders of our expectations. However, finishing GCSE's is a seminal moment in a young person's life, and on rare occasions in the past, the way some students have chosen to mark this event can be detrimental to both themselves and the school.

Below are a few reminders about procedures for examinations.

- Students are required to meet the school rules in terms of dress and appearance. Failure to comply with this could result in being refused entry to the examination room.
- Students have all been given an examination timetable which they have been asked to check carefully. Would you please ensure that they have done this and know the exact dates and times of all their examinations.
- All the Examination Boards are insistent that the mere possession of a mobile phone or smart watch by candidates in the examination room is grounds for disqualification. We recommend that they are left at home on the day of an examination as the School accepts no responsibility should they be lost or stolen.
- Students are required to write in black ball point pen and not gel pen as scripts are scanned. Pencil cases should be clear.
- If your son is ill or has a problem which prevents him from taking an examination or will result in his late arrival for a paper, please telephone the school reception and let Mrs Topham (Examinations Officer) know at the earliest opportunity.
- If you feel that your son has grounds for special arrangements or special consideration for an examination please let Mrs Topham know in writing as soon as possible. Medical evidence may be required in such circumstances.

Year 12 Induction Programme

All students who are intending on returning to Sixth Form must attend the Year 12 Induction Programme running between Wednesday 3 July – Friday 5 July. This will provide a strong flavour of A-Level teaching and many subjects will both introduce and start the course. The Induction exists for the following reasons:

- **A-Level courses are demanding**, and the Induction Programme will help prepare your son for the rigours of A Level study. Some teachers will provide reading and other work to complete over the holidays which will facilitate a strong start to the course next year.
- **Some skills essential for A-Level success are not required at GCSE.** Study at Advanced Level requires a balanced combination of communication, problem solving, analytical and evaluative skills. No matter how convincingly a student can process material at GCSE level, they will fall short of the standard required at Advanced Level if they cannot assess evidence, identify arguments, and communicate their ideas in a coherent and lucid manner. Moreover, A-Levels make much higher demands of independent study, note making, learning and understanding.
- **All A-Levels are now linear** and in common with most schools nationally, King's will not be studying AS Levels. This makes it very important that students are on the most appropriate courses in September.

The Induction Programme will take place in the School Hall, the Sixth Form Centre and in the classrooms where Year 13 lessons would normally be taught. Students will attend introductory sessions in each of their chosen subjects. In addition, they will be guided on the ethos of the Sixth Form and the standards expected and complete an online ALIS questionnaire which, together with their GCSE results, will form the basis of their academic targets next year. In the event of your son participating in the NCS scheme; CCF Camp or requiring to miss one of the days in order to attend another Post 16 Open Day please provide the relevant information to Mrs J Parker, who is administering our Post 16 Admissions.

Results Day

The GCSE results day is Thursday 22 August and results will be available to collect between 09.00 and 12:00 in the Sixth Form Centre. Results cannot be given over the telephone or emailed to individuals. If students are unable to collect their results in person they should complete a form requesting that they are collected by a nominated person or posted home. This form can be found on the exam section of the school website. In addition, any student who wishes to have his results forwarded in the post must provide a stamped addressed envelope. All requests should be made to Mrs Topham (Examination Officer) before the last day of term. All students wishing to return to the Sixth Form will need to achieve the minimum entry requirements of at least 6 GCSE passes in different subjects at Grades 6-9 and at least a Grade 5 in Mathematics and English. It would be sensible for those not on course for this to have a 'safety-net' option. Senior staff will be available on Results Day to discuss options in light of their results.

I would urge all students to work extremely hard for their GCSEs to give themselves the very best chance in the examinations. May I also thank all parents and guardians for their support and role in the preparation of our students for their GCSEs. I wish all students' the very best of luck.

Yours sincerely



J A Dixon
Deputy Headmaster

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Return to: Form Tutor or via email to admin@kings.lincs.sch.uk by Friday 10 May.

YEAR ELEVEN LETTER

Pupil's Name:

Form:

- I have received the Year 11 letter []

Parent's Signature:

Date: