

Dear Families,

Although you will have already been privy to most of the following information, I felt that it would be prudent to write to you with some updates and reminders regarding the coming weeks.

Study leave begins on Friday 9th June. During study leave, students are only required to be on school site for their timetabled exams. All students work differently and so we had to find a balance between supervised and independent revision opportunities.

Exams (other than Visual Arts and MFL) officially start on Monday 15th May. All students should now have their final summer exam timetables. These are available on Bromcom, MCAS and they were given physical copies.

Transport

Students should arrive at their exam at least 15 minutes before the scheduled start time. If this is going to be an issue then you should seek alternative means of transport, particularly on the day with exams starting early. If students are on a bus which is late then they must stay off social media and make their way straight to the exam where they can drop off their bags. You are responsible for arranging contingency transport should a student miss their bus due to the late finish of an exam. They will not be allowed to leave their exam early to catch a bus, even if they have already finished their paper.

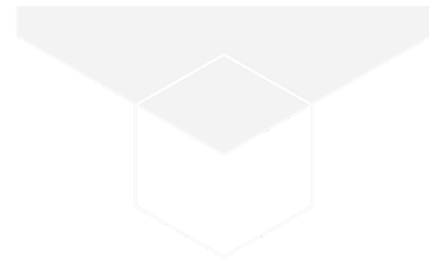
Equipment

Whilst we aim to encourage independence and responsibility at KS4, we would appreciate your support in ensuring your child attends the exam period with the correct equipment:

- Pencil x 2.
- Black Pen x 2.
- Pencil sharpener.
- Eraser.
- Ruler.
- Set of compasses.
- Set Square.
- Protractor.
- Scientific calculator.

All equipment must be brought to the exam in either a transparent pencil case or transparent bag – such as a sandwich bag. Students may bring water to the exam, but this too must be in a transparent bottle with labels removed.

Smart watches, analogue watches and mobile phones are not permitted in the exam. Students are expected to attend all examinations in full school uniform.



We recognise that there is an economic commitment when providing equipment for your child. If this presents a problem for you, please do contact your child's tutor who will do their best to procure equipment for them, in advance of the exam period.

Exam Guidelines

Please do consult this link to exam guidelines for more specific information:
<https://www.johnmason.oxon.sch.uk/our-school/exams/>

Revision

I'd also like to remind you that we are regularly updating the year 11 Google Classroom with opportunities such as careers fairs, apprenticeship offers and university open days and talks. Students can also find revision tips and coping with exam stress resources on the google classroom. The [John Mason School revision website](#) also has a section on subject specific revision.

After exams

Additionally, if your child wishes to book an appointment with our careers advisor from Adviza, they can contact him on the following email address:

TerryBianchini@adviza.org.uk

We hope that year 11 students have felt supported, but as always please do contact their tutor or myself should you have any queries.

Leavers assembly and the Year 11 Prom will take place on Friday 30th June. We are aware that exams are still ongoing at this point, but have to book the venue up to 18 months in advance to compete with weddings and other school proms, with no knowledge of exam board timings. More information regarding arrangements for the leavers assembly will be sent in due course.

Kind regards,



Mr Ben Gilkes

Director of KS4