



Dear Parent or Carer,

It has been a wonderful term for year 11, experiencing their last full set of trial exams before the final exams in May and June. I'm sure many of them are a mixture of excited and grateful that we are on the last stretch to success.

Exams:

External exams will begin on Thursday 20th April with the visual arts exams. Then the other external exams will begin on Monday 15th May. Students will be expected in school in all lessons unless in an exam until the end of Friday 9th June when study leave begins. After this date, students will only be required to attend school for scheduled exams. There will be capacity for students who would still like to be in school between these exams. More information will follow about this.

The full exam timetable, regulations and information can be found on the school website:

<https://www.johnmason.oxon.sch.uk/our-school/exams/>

Students can also access their timetables on Bromcom.

You should have already received a message about the enhanced grade opportunity trial exams which are taking place in the first week back. If you missed this letter, here it is again:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Vd3UvlzJP1ThB10HpJK0IKbcbqmYHfnTs0TBv0TNp60/edit>

Summer uniform:

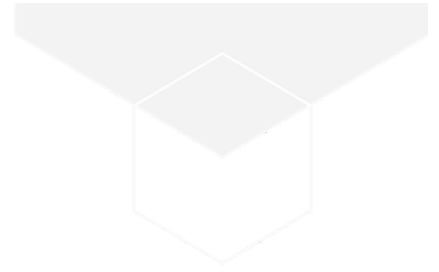
Students will be expected to follow the school uniform policy at all times when on the school site, this includes in exams. Next term we will move to summer uniform. This means that students will be able to wear school polo shirts with plain black trousers, skirts or [tailored shorts](#) (no denim, sports shorts, tracksuit or legging material). The list of other prohibited uniform will remain unchanged.

Jewellery: students are allowed to wear one plain metal stud in each ear. They can also wear a watch (though these aren't permitted in exams). Please do not allow your child to have any other piercings as this is not in the uniform policy and will result in sanctions.

Year 11 students are ambassadors and role models in the school, younger year groups look up to them. We would like to spend next term focussing on their exams and would appreciate your support in upholding the standards of the school. Incorrect uniform will lead to the student being isolated if it cannot be rectified on the day. Please see this link if you need to check anything in the school policy:

<https://www.johnmason.oxon.sch.uk/students-and-parents/school-uniform/>

If you have any questions about uniform for next term please contact your child's tutor. As the cost of living crisis continues we know that there are significant financial pressures. If this is holding your child



back from wearing correct uniform then please let us know and we can do what we can to support. There is also a preloved uniform event after school in the reception foyer on Tuesday 25th April.

Year 11 Prom Friday 30th June

As we approach the end of another year we appreciate that a number of you and our students will be looking forward to year 11 for a number of reasons. One of which will be the Y11 leavers Prom.

Most of our students make the correct decisions every day and parents are supportive of school rules and sanctions. Thank you.

However, we do have a number of students who do not always comply with our standards and policies. We would like to remind these students that not only is following policy expected, they are also acting as role models for younger students who look up to Y11 students.

As we stand, all students will be invited to the Y11 leavers Prom- if JMS standards are not continually met and policies not adhered to then we may withdraw that students invite to the Prom. This will be reviewed on a case by case basis.

We hope that all Y11 students will join us at the Prom and celebrate their graduation from school.

More information about the prom and end of year arrangements are to follow.

I hope that you and your child have a good Easter break and I look forward to seeing them back on Monday 17th April.

Kind regards,

Mr Ben Gilkes

Director of KS4