



The Priory School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am sure there are a fair few nerves in your households at the moment as the GCSE examinations fast approach. Year 11 have been doing a fantastic job of getting prepared and we wish them (and you!) all the very best over the next few weeks.

I am re-sending the revision timetables for before and after half term with one small but significant change. Having reviewed logistics and safeguarding, we have changed the process for students registering after half term. During the examination period, students will continue to register for am and pm with their tutor, as normal. If a student is arriving late or finishing early because they do not have a lesson due to that subject's exams being completed, they will sign in and/or out in the Crush Hall. Equally, students who have an examination in the afternoon will not be registering with their tutor as they will be starting the exam at 1pm. This should all be clear on the attached timetable.

Understandably, some students and parents have queried what would happen in the event of a student becoming unwell with Covid-19. The Priory School will adhere to UKHSA guidance and require any student who tests positive for Covid-19 to remain at home and avoid contact with others for 3 days. Please make reference to the JCQ FAQ document (attached) and Special Consideration policy which can be found on the GCSE Information section of our website, as detailed below.

Other circumstances which may impact on your child's ability to perform their best in the examination (such as the bereavement of a close friend/relative) do not require you to complete the self-certification form. In such cases, please contact the school directly and at your earliest convenience so that we can determine whether special consideration can be applied for. This will only be applicable to students who sit the examination and is capped at 5% extra marks in the most extreme cases.

All relevant documentation and letters can be found on our school website: Life at School – GCSE Examination Information. Attached with this letter is the JCQ FAQs for Special Consideration for further reference along with the revision timetables.

If you have any queries, please contact exams@tpstrust.co.uk.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C Knight
Deputy Headteacher