

11 October 2021

Dear Parent /Guardian

You will be aware the Year 11 modules last year were cancelled following a directive by the Minister of Education in response to the prolonged school closures in term 1 & 2. As a result, Mathematics, English and Science modules have been rescheduled for November 2021. Teachers and pupils have been preparing for the fast approaching modules, therefore I want to provide you with information that will help you support your child in the examination process.

Attendance: Pupils and parents are reminded of the importance of full school attendance. The pace of preparation and the level of content detail required for the examinations means that every day counts and unless too ill to do so, pupils should be in school every day.

Revision Sessions: The English and Mathematics Departments are hosting revision sessions after school and I would encourage every pupil to attend. The details are outlined below:

English: Thursday (weekly) English Language Surgery. Pupils are required to sign up with their English teacher so that bespoke and tailored resources are prepared to address individual pupil need.

Mathematics: 12G: Tuesday and Thursday mornings: 8.30am – 9.00am
12M/S: In class revision sessions
12T: Thursday after school: 3.30pm – 4.30pm

Independent Revision: In addition to homework and schoolwork all pupils should be engaging in additional revision at home in each of the examined subjects. Specific focus should be given to examination technique and completing tasks under timed conditions.

Booster Sessions: In the direct run up to the modules the school have organised booster sessions/lessons for each of the subject areas. This will enable pupils to get up to two extra sessions prior to the examinations.

Mock Examinations: In light of the fact that our pupils have not experienced a formal external examination setting, we are running mock examinations for each of the modules assessed. Pupils are required to fully plan and prepare for these mocks, the results of which will inform the content of the booster and revision sessions in November 2021. The mock examination schedule is as follows:

OCTOBER MOCKS FOR YEAR 12

Date	Time	Subject
Tuesday 19 th October 2021	9.15-11.15	Mathematics (All Year 12 Pupils)
Wednesday 20 th October 2021	9.15-10.15	DAS Chemistry (40 pupils) SAS Physics (14 pupils)
Thursday 21 st October 2021	9.15-11.00	English (All Year 12 pupils)

Compulsory Study: Mrs Fullen will be writing to some parents over the course of the next few weeks issuing compulsory supervised study sessions after school for a small number of pupils. These daily sessions will be held in the school library from 3.30-4.30. All other pupils can also avail of this service.

Information for Candidates

All parents and pupils are required to read the information regarding rules and regulations of examinations and coursework available on the following CCEA link : <https://www.jcq.org.uk/exams-office/information-for-candidates-documents/>

All candidates are required to familiarise themselves with the strict protocols in place for externally assessed examinations, prior to sitting the November series of examinations.

The Year 12 Examination schedule: November Series (All 9.00 start)

Whilst all pupils are aware of the examination timetable, I have detailed this below for your reference.

Science (DAS-40 pupils)	Science (SAS-14 pupils)	English (All)	Mathematics (All)
Tuesday 23 rd November	Wednesday 24 th November	Friday 26 th November	Monday 29 th November

Internal Winter Examinations

I also want to give you advanced notice about Year 12 Internal Examinations for the rest of the subject areas (not examined in the formal module examinations) which will be held from **Thursday 9th December – Tuesday 14th December** inclusive.

In addition to the examinations there are several other issues to update you on.

Half-Term Holiday Dates: Reminder

Pupils are not required in school on **Friday 22nd October**. This is to facilitate the Year 11 Parent teacher meeting. Half-term holidays are scheduled for **Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October** (inclusive) with all pupils returning to lessons on Monday 1st November. Whilst Year 12 should take some time to rest and relax over the half-term they are expected to use some of the time to revise for the November examination modules.

Year 12 Flu vaccinations

Year 12 Flu vaccinations will take place on **Friday 3rd December**, I will write again when I receive the details from the Health and Social Care Board.

COVID-19 Protocols in schools

The Department of Education informed schools on Friday 8th October that following a review of current COVID-19 guidance the attached link outlines the DENI guidance which remains unchanged.

<https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-schools-and-educational-settings-northern-ireland>

The guidance will remain under review and the school will inform parents if any changes are made.

Year 12 Social

The Year 12 Social will be held here in school on the evening of **Thursday 16th December**. I will provide you with details of the event nearer to the published date.

If you require any additional information or need help or support with any matter relating to your child's education do not hesitate to contact us here at the school on: 028 79634177 or email: info@sperrin.magherafelt.ni.sch.uk

Yours sincerely

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