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29<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Re: Start of Exam Season**

From Thursday 2nd May, the exam season commences for Year 11. This is a very important time for students as they complete their final examinations for each of their qualifications.

Throughout their time at Kelvin Hall, students have been working on ensuring they have the knowledge, skills and ability to meet and exceed their targets in their GCSEs. Over the next 7 school weeks, students will have final exam preparation sessions with their teachers, as well as completing their long-awaited exams.

This week, we have started giving free breakfasts to all Year 11 students, and this will continue until the end of the exam season. Students have a selection of breakfasts available which range from bacon sandwiches, sausage sandwiches, sausage rolls, croissants, and pains au chocolat, as well as orange and apple juice each day.

From this point forward, the Year 11 timetable for the following week will be shared on the School Bulletin. This updated timetable will show you the final preparation sessions that are running each day, and when the students have their exams. This timetable will also be visible around school for students to refer to. These sessions are extremely important for final revision of information, exam tips, and key information to support students in being able to confidently complete their exams.

Due to the importance of every exam and preparation session, full attendance to school during this period remains the highest priority for students. Students are expected to continue to arrive at school by 08:40 am each day. Where additional breakfast revision sessions are being completed earlier than this, teachers will share these arrangements directly with students. We will continue to contact home for all absent students, and will be prepared to conduct morning home visits to students when they are not in school by this time on the day of exams. Please support your child in ensuring they are in school by 08:40 am so they have adequate time in school to be prepared effectively before entering the exam room.

Each exam preparation session is crucial for students. Therefore, from Thursday 2nd May, students in Year 11 will not be able to leave school for appointments unless collected by an adult at Reception. Please continue to support your child in ensuring all appointments are outside of the school day wherever possible to ensure that they are not missing these valuable sessions in school, and ensure they are collected by an adult at school where this is unavoidable.

We know that this time of year can be stressful for students. In school, we have an extensive range of support available to students who are struggling with balancing exam stress, and the worries and nerves this can cause. Our Wellbeing Team continues to offer the morning Wellbeing Welcome every morning from 08:30 am, the Pastoral team remain on duty throughout the school site from 08:15 am each morning as well as your child's teachers who are also available for them to speak to in school. If they have any concerns, please encourage them to speak to any of these key staff.



While this is a busy and anxious time for some students, it is also an exciting time for them to shine in their exams. We want to wish them the very best of luck in all of their exams, and want to say thank you to all parents and carers who continue to support them in their final few weeks at Kelvin Hall.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Loughton (Pastoral Year Leader) or Mrs Piercy (Deputy Headteacher).

Yours sincerely,

**Mrs Piercy**  
**Deputy Headteacher**  
**Kelvin Hall School**

**Mr Leng**  
**Head of School**  
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