



Hall Green School An Academy

24th April 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

As your son/daughter is now nearing the end of their studies at Hall Green School, I write to inform you of what will be happening over the next few weeks.

GCSE Examinations

GCSE exams start on Monday 15th May 2023. Pupils have been given extensive advice and guidance on how to revise for these exams and should already have a substantial revision programme in place. The most successful pupils will be making sure they have three or four 45-minute revision sessions every evening after school, as well as revising at weekends. Revision sessions should be interactive, ideally incorporating Cornell notes, mind maps and flash cards. Pupils need to keep testing themselves to check learning – this is a vital part of the revision process and helps embed key information into short term memory.

Pupils need to make sure they have a copy of their syllabus and are covering all the topics they need to revise. Past paper practice is also important and departments will make these materials available to your child.

As well as plenty of revision, pupils need to make sure they are eating and sleeping well and going to bed at a sensible time. There are plenty of resources online to guide on how best to prepare, such as this one on BBC Bitesize: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zghhxbk>.

During the final weeks of Year 11, pupils may suffer from a degree of exam anxiety and this Government website provides helpful information on dealing with exam anxiety: [Coping with exam pressure - a guide for students - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coping-with-exam-pressure)

There is still time to make a significant difference to the grades your child will gain this summer, and thorough revision using the techniques and strategies we have shared holds the key to success.

Changes to the Year 11 Timetable after June 5th

We will hold a celebration event in school on Friday 26th May to mark the end of the pupils' time here at Hall Green. Pupils will leave school around lunchtime on that day.

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From Monday 5th June, all pupils will follow a reduced timetable that will be shared later this half term. Your son/daughter will be expected to attend school for all GCSE examinations and for their scheduled revision sessions. All pupils have already received an examination timetable, but will also be provided with a revision session schedule so that they are fully aware of the dates on which they are expected to be in school to revise. During the exams all pupils are expected to wear their normal school uniform.

For morning examinations, pupils should arrive in school by 8.30am and should assemble in the canteen. For afternoon exams they need to arrive by 1.30pm and assemble in the corridor by Rooms 8 & 9. All pupils should bring the correct equipment needed for each exam in a clear pencil case. If your son/daughter is unable to be present for an examination due to illness, please telephone the school as soon as possible to inform us of the facts; a medical certificate will be required for the Examination Board(s).

GCSE Results

GCSE results will be published on Thursday 24th August 2023. Pupils may leave an A5 stamped addressed envelope at school before they leave if they wish results to be forwarded. Those who wish to receive their results in person may collect them after 9.30am on results day.

Cashless Catering/Parentpay and Donations

Individual pupil accounts are closed when they leave Hall Green School. Therefore, pupils must try to reduce the amount left in their accounts. We are able to transfer credit balances to siblings or refund balances over £5 via Parentpay. Any balances below £5 that are not transferred to siblings will be transferred to school fund. The final date for pupils to empty their accounts is Friday 16th June 2023. **This includes any accounts that are in debit – these must be settled before last examinations.**

We would also ask that you consider donating any unwanted school uniform, PE kit and study materials to the school, so that they can be used to help future pupils at Hall Green. Any donations can be handed in at the front office and will be very much appreciated.

Returning School Laptops

If your child has been provided with a **school laptop**, they must return this to school by Friday 16th June at the latest. Failure to do so will mean that they will not receive their GCSE certificates until we have had the laptop returned.

Returning School Textbooks

If your child has borrowed any other school resources, such as textbooks or revision guides, can they please return these by Friday 16th June as well. We have allowed pupils to take resources home to help support learning through the lockdowns, but we do need these resources returned to school so that they can be used with future year groups.

Best wishes and good luck.



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