



February 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you as always for your brilliant support as we work with your sons and daughters towards their GCSEs this summer. Our Year 11 students have already completed **over 3,500 hours** of extra learning between them in timetabled and drop-in revision OOSHLs since September. We want to ensure, as you as parents and carers do, that all students achieve their best grades to provide them as many options as possible for further education, training or employment after Year 11. To continue to support our Year 11s, OOSHLs for Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays will be updated and launched again after February half term.

Key dates for Year 11:

February Half Term – Support days for Food Preparation and Nutrition, Engineering, Product Design and Art/Photography. Subject teachers will have communicated days/times directly with students/parents.

5 March 2020	Mock results issues (students will be given a paper copy and it will also be uploaded to Frog for parents to view)
7 May 2020	Celebration Assembly
11 May 2020	Exam season begins
19 June 2020	Exam season ends
24 June 2020	National Contingency Exam Day (final day for any exams to be sat) *
3 July 2020	Leavers' Ball
20 August 2020	GCSE Results Day & FP2 Sixth Form Enrolment
Date TBC	'Graduation'

*This is a contingency day for any GCSE examinations, so it is recommended that no holidays or other plans are made, and students are available for exams up until this date.

Further revision sessions are likely to be available during the Easter and/or May half term.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE GCSE EXAMINATIONS

Research has shown that attendance has a huge impact on GCSE results, so please ensure your child is **in school** and **on time** every day. Exam timetables will be issues shortly. Parents/carers are reminded that should your child not attend the exam, you could be charged the entry fee which varies between courses but is approximately £50.00 per student. Misreading the exam timetable is not a valid reason for missing an exam. If your child is ill on the day of an exam, you must contact the school first thing and a doctor's note will be required. We cannot rearrange exams for the actual GCSE's, so if an exam is missed there will be **no other chance to take it**, therefore unless absence is for serious illness, all students are expected to attend every exam.

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Please familiarise yourself again with the examination handbook which was sent out with the November mock paperwork and is on the school website: <https://finhampark2.co.uk/exam-and-revision-support> which was also sent out with the February mock information.

With all of us working together, we hope that all students will have a positive end to their year and achieve the results they deserve in August. Please continue to follow us on Twitter for updates, links and photos @weheartc20 #weheartc20

Yours sincerely,

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