



Newsletter

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2023

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back. I hope that you are well.

GCSE / AS / A level exam

Year 13: Study leave for Year 13 learners will commence on Monday 5th June. Learners will not need to attend lessons but must attend all scheduled exams. Once a learner's exams have been completed there is no requirement for them to attend school.

Exam timetables have been distributed. Learners and parents/carers are asked to check these carefully for the correct tier of entry for each subject and to see if there are any clashes. Queries over exam timetables should be directed to the Examinations Office.

I wish all of our A level students the very best with their examinations.

Regarding the exam season, we would be extremely grateful if all parents ensure that their children have the required equipment needed to sit all exams. Please also ensure they have left home in plenty of time to be at the exam venues in full school uniform at least 15 minutes prior to the published exam start time. This enables the school to run exams smoothly and reduces anxiety for all students. Many thanks for your anticipated support.

Polite Request

We would be grateful for your support in ensuring that pupils bring appropriate equipment to lessons as well as their exams. Teachers are reporting widely that pupils are not bringing pens/pencils/rulers which is causing unnecessary disruption at the start of lessons.

Please also be reminded that pupils should not wear leggings, jogging bottoms and/or hoodies to school as they are not approved school uniform items.

6th Form Announcement

All 6th form learners **must** wear an item which clearly identifies them as being a member of Whitchurch High School when on the school site. This could be either:

- A lanyard with WHS ID
- A WHS branded casual clothing item such as a sweatshirt
- WHS branded sportswear
- A combination of any of the above

We will continue to adopt an insistent line on this and may instigate sanctions to learners who insist on ignoring this very reasonable directive. I would be most grateful for your support as it is an important element of our safeguarding processes.

Emergency Lockdown Procedure

We recently formulated our Emergency Lockdown Procedures. These are now becoming standard practice in most schools and have been produced in conjunction with advice and support from our colleagues in the Local Authority. They outline what we will do in the extremely unlikely event of a potentially dangerous intrusion onto the school site. All staff and learners have been made aware of the procedures and we will be conducting a drill later this term and annually thereafter.

Other

- Please be reminded that all phone calls into and out of the school via the main switchboard are recorded for monitoring and safeguarding purposes.
- We would be grateful if you could regularly check your personal information for your child in the SIMS Parent App and make any changes necessary.

Have a lovely weekend,



Mark Powell