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Year 11 Pre-external Exams Communication

Dear Parents/Carers

With the exam season now upon us, the following letter will provide you with some key information to support you and your child through the summer exam period.

Examination-Ready Timetable – Pop a copy on the fridge?

Following the email last week, please find attached the timetable until May Half-term.

Booster sessions

All morning exams will start by 9am, which means students will need to line up by 0845. For the vast majority of these 'AM' exams, we will be having **Breakfast Boosters from 0800-0835** and these are clearly indicated on the Exam-Ready Timetable. We are grateful to our catering staff who have agreed to make the offer of **Free Breakfasts from 0750** for year 11 students, so they can maximise their time in the booster session. (Students can arrive anytime from 8am).

All afternoon exams start at 1.30pm, which means students will need to line up by 1.15pm and have their lunch earlier at 12.45pm. **For the vast majority of these 'PM' exams, we have planned in booster lessons during the school day from 11.15am-12.45pm.**

Our **unit 6 timetable has changed**. Instead, it will be more flexible based on upcoming exams, mostly exams on the following day. Therefore, **only sessions indicated on the Exam-Ready Timetable will be going ahead**. Students can still remain behind to work in our Post-16 workspace.

Exam starts and finishes

I would like to remind students of the importance of arriving to exams on time. Morning exams start at 9:00am with students expected to be lining up at the exam hall by 8:45. If your child arrives to school via public transport, it is strongly recommended that students aim to take an earlier bus to ensure they are here on time. Depending on the duration of the exam, students will either go to break or return to lesson. Students are expected to make an immediate return to lessons and not wonder school site, failure to do so will result in the behaviour policy being followed.

Afternoon exams commence at 13:30, with students expected to be at the assembly hall for 13:15. For afternoon exams that finish early we will be releasing students from site directly from their exam. If students are due to have booster session during unit 6, they are welcome to return/ remain on school site and will be directed where to go.

Study Leave

All students will need to attend all their subject lessons until the end of the Maths exam on **Wednesday 10th June** (~10.30am). There will be a booster straight after those that study Geography, Food or Dance, so students studying these subjects will be allowed to leave before or after lunch. **From Thursday 11th June**, students will only need to come in for their remaining exams and lessons/ booster sessions.

Where students attend lessons in subjects that have finished all their examination components, they will be expected to revise for their other subjects. A copy of the attached document was shared with you

and students last week. The main task for them is to highlight which subjects they have already completed each week and to identify, in advance, any work they can take into those lessons to revise for any of their remaining examinations. If they are based in a computer room, knowing which websites they can use or, if in a normal classroom, preparing paper-based resources in advance. By planning and being proactive, students will be able to maximise their revision time.

For students who do disrupt lessons or fail to follow staff instructions, we may place them on study leave, which will mean they may also miss out on all remaining booster sessions as well as the prom and graduation.

Graduation and Prom

Graduation Day will be taking place on **Friday 19th June**, 0830-1130. This is a fantastic event that allows the students to reflect on their time at Ken Stimpson Academy with their fellow peers and teachers.

Prom will be 7-11.30pm on Wednesday 24th June. The prom is a prestigious event that marks off a year of hard work. I have reminded students that payment to the prom does not mean acceptance onto it. As a school, we reserve the right to refuse this privilege if a student continuously makes poor choices or there is a one-off serious incident whilst they are still completing exams.

A reminder, as mentioned on the letter, the prom deposit of £20 is non-refundable.

May Half Term

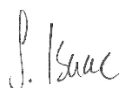
We are currently finalising the revision plan for the upcoming half term. Arrangements will be finalised next week. These sessions are a great opportunity for students to access extra expert support and help them best prepare for upcoming exams.

***And finally...**

I thought I'd share some questions that you could ask that will help to ensure that your son/ daughter is proactive in their planning each week:

- What exam have you got tomorrow/ this week?
- Which Breakfast boosters are you going to?
- Which unit 6 sessions are you staying behind for?
- How many lessons will you have tomorrow/ this week where you have completed all the exams? Are they in a computer room or a normal classroom? What will you be taking to that lesson to revise?
- What's your revision plan for after school? Have you planned in breaks? What time are you planning to go to bed? (Remind them to stick to it). Do you want me to get you up any earlier? Would you like me to take the distraction of the phone away whilst you're revising?
- Would you like me to test you on anything or print anything out for you?

Thank you for making it thus far! I will provide the next update in a couple of weeks.



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Revision Overview – EXAM SEASON 2026

As you go through the 'exam season', you will go to lessons where you have completed the course.

In those lessons*, you need to **prepare in advance the revision you will do for other subjects**.

If you are in an IT room, then you will have the option of using online resources using the links below.

If you are in a normal classroom*, then you will need to bring your own revision resources for other subjects (e.g. revision cards, revision guides, past papers, etc).

Use the table below to help you prepare what you can do for each subject for those lessons* PLUS even outside of school. ***You will not be allowed to leave your class to go collect stuff from other lessons.**

Subject + Exam Board	ONLINE revision students can do/ links	OTHER revision students can do at home or take to classes where they are not in an IT room
English Language (AQA)	AQA English Language Paper 1 (2026 Exams Onward) - PLAYLIST AQA English Language Paper 2 (2026 Exams Onward) - PLAYLIST GCSE English Language - AQA - BBC Bitesize	Revise the structure of the exam papers. Make sure you know a range of language and structure techniques and how to explain the effects they have on a reader. Revise the potential writing tasks: Descriptive Opening/Narrative Writing Letter, Speech, Article, Leaflet, Essay
English Literature (Edexcel)	Paper 1 Tips (Macbeth and An Inspector Calls) Macbeth - GCSE English Literature - BBC Bitesize * An Inspector Calls - GCSE English Literature - BBC Bitesize * Paper 2 Tips (ACC and Poetry) A Christmas Carol - GCSE English Literature - BBC Bitesize * Edexcel - Conflict Poetry Revision Playlist (All 15 Poems) Edexcel - Conflict Poetry Revision Tips *BBC Bitesize resources for AQA are still applicable to Edexcel – you can still revise characters, themes, plots and context as necessary from these.	Revise: -Key Characters (and their function in the text); -Key Themes (as these will be potential examination questions) -Key Quotations For Macbeth and An Inspector Calls: Links to context (why did the writers write their texts?) Revise the poems using VISIT (Vocabulary, Imagery, Structure, Ideas and Tone) or SMILE (Structure, Meaning, Imagery, Language and Effect) - Make sure to identify the contexts of the poems and why the poets wrote them. Practice comparing pairs of poems – what similarities and differences in method can you find between them?
Maths (AQA)	Maths Genie • Learn GCSE Maths for Free Work through topic areas by grades. GCSE (AQA) Revision 1st Class Maths Revise first the highly appearing topics	Any past papers/ predicted papers/ worksheets that have been handed out to you in class.
Science (Pearson Edexcel)	Sparx Science - Can do questions on all science topics (email teacher if forgot login) https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/ Revision notes/ past papers /exam-style Qs https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zgkww6f Revision info and exam-style Qs. All useful revision resources including websites and apps are accessed through the Science section on the KSA website .	Use the knowledge organisers/revision mats (either hard copy or electronic copy on school website in year 11 science area) and make revision poster/notes/flashcard on areas you struggle with or find most challenging.

GCSE Business Studies (OCR)	GCSE - Business (9-1) - J204 This the link to all the past papers we have looked at, that you have printed off and kept in your files.	You have all been given copies of the OCR revision guide, copies of the paper 1 and paper 2 revisions guides and the 1 page OCR “how to answer question” format. Use these all together.
Computer Science (AQA)	Isaac computer Science (need to sign up): https://isaacomputerscience.org/?examBoard=all&stage=all (All the content is available for AQA) Seneca: https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/	Knowledge organiser , QLA, P1 and P2 exam question booklet (all emailed) and on Teams. Complete homework booklet for paper1&p2. YouTube: Link (at home as will need sound).
Dance (AQA)	Works on YouTube – Artificial Things, Infra, Shadows, Emancipation of Expression, A Linha Curva, Within Her Eyes, https://www.aqa.org.uk/resources/dance/gcse/dance/teach/subject-specific-vocabulary	Writing essays on each professional work. Flash cards on set skills. Presentations on each professional work. Look through Anthology Book and Professional Work Bible. Look at the What to revise document with 20minute short tasks. Essay Qs on Physical, Mental, Technical and Expressive skills – 6 skills per essay.
Food (WJEC)	To go through the condensed revision guide which has been emailed and will be added on Teams. This can be used in conjunction with their revision booklets. There are also quizzes and checklists in the booklet which will help.	To go through the homework booklet (to be printed & emailed) and make use of the CGP books given to help answer. To make use of the knowledge organiser (click on link- will be added to Teams as well):
Geography (WJEC)	Revision lessons and resources available on teams with past paper questions & answers Seneca – Eduqas B paper BBC Bitesize – Eduqas B Remember everything is also on TEAMS	Flash cards. Answering GCSE exam questions. Use the revision guide given to you to self-quiz (read a page, make 10-15 questions, read the page again, put the booklet away for 10 minutes then answer the questions you made, check your answers using your revision guide).
History (Pearson Edexcel)	Revision lessons + resources are available on TEAMS – revision guides are all added too Seneca leaning is great for history – Edexcel	Use the revision guide to complete the key tasks from the revision lessons. Mind map key knowledge from each topic. Flash revision cards
French (AQA)	Duolingo - The world's best way to learn a language Linguascope The World's Number 1 Interactive Language Learning Platform for Schools (username= kscs, pwd= chouette52) Seneca - Learn 2x Faster Revision materials & revision tips (Tips & Tricks) stored on Teams.	*Use handouts in ring binders to revise vocabulary, question/answer for writing. *Complete tasks in PG ClearRevise Rev Guide . *For writing/translation into French use the resources on Teams or in your PG revision guide. When writing 90 or 150 word essays, refer to your <i>Writing Mats</i> and <i>Key Structures</i> or <i>Complex Structures</i> handout to check you are including complex structures and check verbs using your <i>Verb Checkers</i> handout.
Sport Studies (OCR)	TEAMS > general files > class materials > R184 – Contemporary Issues Exam > revision resources/PowerPoints Past papers (R184 Contemporary Issues Exam - Cambridge Nationals - Sport Studies Level 1/Level 2 – J829	- CGP OCR Sports Studies workbooks (X2), revision guide and exam practice question booklet (physical copies in student folders) - Student exercise books – notes taken in lesson on exam content
Film (EDUQAS)	Seneca Learning – students have been assigned some quizzes to complete. GCSE Moving Image Arts (CCEA) - BBC Bitesize	Use the 6 knowledge organisers (electronic copies are on Sharepoint and Teams) and make revision notes/flashcard on key areas. This will be a good revision tool.

Yr11 Exam Ready Timetable - HT5 Wk5

Name:

Breakfast served: 0750-0800 Breakfast Boosters: 0800-0835			Unit 1 (0900-0955)	Unit 2 (0955-1055)	Unit 3 (1115-0955)	Unit 4 (1215-1315)	Lunch/ Tutor	Unit 5 (1415-1515)	Unit 6 (1520-1610)	Revision @home
Mon 11/05	English Literature	EXAMS →	ENGLISH LITERATURE P1 (1h45)			Lunch	Business P1 (1h30)		Biology	
		BOOSTERS→		Business - 4U05/08/13						
		LESSON→								
Tue 12/05		EXAMS →				Lunch	COMBINED SCIENCE- Biology P1 (1h10) Triple Science - Biology P1 (1h45)		Geography	
		BOOSTERS→	Biology- Science classrooms				Comp Sci- 1L26			
		LESSON→								
Wed 13/05	Geography	EXAMS →	Geography P1 (1h45)			Lunch	Computer Science P1 (2h)		Maths to continue	
		BOOSTERS→		Computer Science-3U20/25			Maths-ALL			
		LESSON→								
Thu 14/05	Maths	EXAMS →	MATHS P1 (1h30) AQA (H)/OCR (F)			Lunch			History	
		BOOSTERS→								
		LESSON→								
Fri 15/05	History	EXAMS →	History P1 (1h15)			Lunch				
		BOOSTERS→								
		LESSON→								
Your Wknd Timings →										
Sat 16/05										
Sun 17/05										

"Hard things will happen to us. We will recover. We will learn from it. We will grow more resilient because of it." - Taylor Swift

Yr11 Exam Ready Timetable - HT5 Wk6

Name:

Breakfast served: 0750-0800 Breakfast Boosters: 0800-0835		Unit 1 (0900-0955)	Unit 2 (0955-1055)	Unit 3 (1115-0955)	Unit 4 (1215-1315)	Lunch/ Tutor	Unit 5 (1415-1515)	Unit 6 (1520-1610)	Revision @home
Mon 18/05	Chemistry	EXAMS →	COMBINED SCIENCE- Chemistry P1 (1h10) Triple Science - Chemistry P1 (1h45)			Lunch		Eng Lit	
		BOOSTERS →					Eng Lit		
		LESSON →							
Tue 19/05	English Literature	EXAMS →	ENGLISH LITERATURE P2 (2h15)			Lunch	Computer Science P2 (1h45)	French 4U10	
		BOOSTERS →			Computer Science-3L17/26				
		LESSON →							
Wed 20/05	French	EXAMS →	French L&R (F=1h20,H=1h45)			Lunch		Y10 Parents Eve	
		BOOSTERS →		Eng (targeted) 3U20/25		Eng Lang			
		LESSON →							
Thu 21/05	English Language	EXAMS →	ENGLISH LANGUAGE P1 (1h45)			Lunch	Film Studies P2 (1h30) Business P2 (1h30)		
		BOOSTERS →			Film Studies - 1U04 Business - 4U08/10/13				
		LESSON →							
Fri 22/05		EXAMS →				Lunch			
		BOOSTERS →							
		LESSON →							
Your Wknd Timings →									
Sat 23/05									
Sun 24/05									

"Believe you can and you're halfway there." - Theodore Roosevelt.

"I find the hardest I work, the more luck I seem to have." - Thomas Jefferson