



Penryn
College

"Achieving through Challenge"

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Dear Parent/Carer(s)

Firstly, thank you so much for the support you are providing for your child during the final precious weeks before the exams begin. During last week's assembly, we told our Year 11 students just how proud we are of them. They have also been told that this is the time to be positive and believe that they can achieve.

Below, you will find the messages which we delivered to Year 11 during last week's assembly:

Year 11 Assembly - 27th April

- 17 days until your performance begins.
- This is now the time for a positive mind set.
- We believe you are ahead of the game, and so should you.
- You have made the best use of your time so far - attending revision classes, sticking to your revision plan, focusing on exam questions, marking them, and improving areas that you are still unclear about.
- The next 17 days are crucial, don't waste a minute of them.

Here's a list of the non-negotiables which will help you achieve your best:

1. Be positive and believe you can do this.
2. Be 100% focused during lessons and ask if you are unsure of anything.
3. Attend all after-school revision sessions - they are worth double.
4. Have a clear revision plan and stick to it.
5. Ensure you have all the right tools to revise before you start - these are available in the Library.
6. Create a good working environment. Some students have informed us that working at home is tricky - the canteen will be available as a working space from 3.30pm - 5.30pm each school day.
7. Make sure you get at least eight hours' sleep each night.
8. Make sure you fuel yourself with breakfast, lunch and dinner.
9. Listen to us and act on our advice; be in the right place at the right time.
10. Finally, you should be physically writing exam papers - these are available in the Library.

We have attached the most up-to-date versions of the exam timetable and our revision sessions timetable to this e-mail. Please note that dates and times may be subject to change; students will be updated via the Year 11 Showbie page. If you require any extra information regarding revision sessions, please contact the relevant Head of Faculty.

During the exam season, students will be able to use lockers to keep their valuables safe. If this is something your child would like to do, please inform them that they can ask a member of staff at Reception for information on lockers.



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The last day we expect Year 11 students to be in school attending formal lessons is Wednesday 15th June. After this date, pupils are expected to revise at home and only return to school for remaining lessons, exams, and revision sessions, in addition to our Year 11 Leavers' Day, which will take place on Friday 24th June, 8.40am - 12.00pm.

If students return to school for lessons/revision sessions after Wednesday 15 June, they must sign in and out at Reception so we know who is in the building. Exam registers will be taken for all exams. We do ask that students check their individual exam timetables on the Virtual School and speak with their teachers regarding any extra special arrangements.

It is **imperative** that students turn up in plenty of time to start their exams promptly - at least 20 minutes before the published start time. These exams **cannot** be rescheduled. All exam information is available on Showbie and on the exam noticeboard outside of the Sports Hall.

We must remind parents/carers that Wednesday 29 June is a National Exam Emergency Contingency Day, and this may well be required should the need arise. We ask that this day be left available in case of such an emergency.

We ask that students remember the following rules for exams: clear water bottles only (with no labels); clear pencil cases; no watches or mobile phones in any exam. We also require pupils to wear the correct school uniform for all exams and when returning for lessons. Additionally, we would like students to continue to use their iPads; these can be returned on Leavers' Day (24th June).

As aforementioned, Year 11 Leavers' Day will take place on Friday 24 June, 8.40am - 12.00pm. This will provide students with an opportunity to return books, iPads, and celebrate their time at Penryn College. Further details on the arrangements will be communicated in the coming weeks.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with us if you have any queries regarding any of the information within this e-mail.

Yours sincerely

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