



Dear Parent/Carer

30<sup>th</sup> April 2024

## **YEAR 13 EXAMS and STUDY LEAVE**

External A level/Level 3 exams begin on 13<sup>th</sup> May and conclude on 24<sup>th</sup> June. Please note, students need to be available daily, up to and including 26<sup>th</sup> June, in case of contingency plans.

**All students can now access their exam timetable via Edulink** (exams tab). This timetable does not account for any exam clashes. These will be resolved before personalised paper timetables are issued after Easter. Please go through exactly which dates are relevant for your child, to ensure they are fully prepared and do not miss an exam. There will be no opportunities for students to catch up on any exams missed. Any missed papers result in 0 marks (a U grade). This will affect their overall average grade and undoubtedly their Post-18 progression plans.

Students must arrive at school in time to attend 'Laser Sharp Tips' before every exam. These will start promptly at **8:35am** for morning exams and **12:35pm** for afternoon sessions. These are vital, last minute reminders, guidance and reassurance for students, delivered by subject specialists. Details of venues for these sessions will be published at a later date.

### **Examinations up to and including May 22<sup>nd</sup>**

There will be **no formal 'Study Leave' or 'Exam Leave' for any examinations taking place in the month of May up to 22<sup>nd</sup>**. This is to ensure teachers have enough time to deliver essential revision and preparation activities. Students must **therefore attend lessons around any examinations in May up to and including May 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

Study leave begins on 22<sup>nd</sup> May at lunchtime, when there will be a short leaving celebration taking place. Students will have between 11.55 and 13.50 to say goodbye to staff and peers with a short event in the SSA, and at the front of Centre building. **All students are expected to be off site by 13.50 at the latest.**

### **Examinations May 23<sup>rd</sup> onwards**

Study Leave then begins for all students from the morning of May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Students will then only be expected on site to sit examinations. Any students with multiple exams on one day should remain on site in the 6<sup>th</sup> form libraries between exam sessions. Food will be available at lunchtime from 12:10pm if required.

In a few cases, students may be required to attend school to complete coursework for vocational/technical courses. This will be communicated by subject teachers. Students in this situation must sign in to school and either work in the 6<sup>th</sup> form libraries or with their subject teachers.

In exceptional circumstances, if your child cannot be accommodated at home during study leave, please email the sixth form pastoral team (sixthformpostbox@swanshurst.org) and we can discuss next steps.

### **Revision Support**

To assist parents with revision support, we have created a dedicated area of our school website, housing full details of our revision support package. The page includes videos, top tips and information from Ofqual regarding this summer's examinations. <https://www.swanshurst.org/revision-support/1800.html>

## Post-examinations

Once formal examinations and coursework have concluded, pupils may wish to, as well as taking a **very well-deserved rest**, look to their next steps and Post-18 progression. Some ideas are:

- complete virtual work experience opportunities
  - Log on to SpringPod and search areas of interest (students have their logons)
  - Forage – virtual work experience with top employers - <https://www.theforage.com/>
  - BeReady – employability skills programme: <https://bereadygroup.org/ready-schools/learning-programmes-school/>
- complete a MOOC (designed to broaden areas of knowledge) - <https://www.mooc.org/courses>
- log on to Unifrog (student have their logons) and complete Study Skills models
- investigate live apprenticeship vacancies:  
<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch>
- investigate live employment vacancies: <https://www.gov.uk/find-a-job>
- complete student finance for university (deadline of 17<sup>th</sup> May)
- access the UCAS website. Key sections:
  - finance
  - student life
  - results & clearing
- research preferred university course content and start some pre-reading around topic areas

## Dates for your diary

- Week commencing 29<sup>th</sup> April** – Reports issued, detailing a **predicted grade** for each subject
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2023** – Deadline to make your **firm & insurance** university choices (using predicted grades as a guide)
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2023** – A Level/Level 3 **results day** at 8am in CDS.
- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2023** – GCSE/Level 2 results day (resits).

Yours sincerely



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