

Enfield County School for Girls

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Dear Year 11 Parents/Carers

Year 11 Revision and Study Sessions Explained

As you are aware, your daughter's public written GCSEs start in the week beginning Monday 6 May until either Friday 14 June or Monday 17 June (subject choices dependent). Gone are the days when Year 11s would simply go on 'study leave' on the Friday before and only attend school for their examinations; now, schools try to utilise this time and teaching resources in a much more effective manner and ECSfG is no different.

For the past few years now, we have implemented 'Revision/ Cramming Sessions' to scaffold support for all students **during** the revision time around the Public GCSE Examination Timetable. This 'Exam and Study Schedule' can be found in the link below – a hard copy was given out to Year 11 in assembly this morning.

The expectations for Year 11 student attendance during the examination schedule is as follows, **in order of priority**:

- 1. In school to sit your public GCSE written examination
- 2. In school to attend the cramming/ revision study session for your next examination
- 3. In school for your own revision, in your timetabled lessons under teacher supervision

So that there are no misunderstandings for these attendance expectations, there is an FAQ section at the end of this letter. This clarifies the question of being in Enfield Town during examinations.

Please click here for the Y11 Exam and Study Schedule 2024

GCSE Revision Texts/ Resources and Helpful Websites – click here

I sent the above link out to you last year, and again, under no circumstances am I encouraging you to purchase every recommended text – it is just for you to have all the information to hand should you want to support your daughter in a particular subject or topic.

Yours faithfully

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FAQs – Year 11 Attendance During the Public Written Examination Schedule 2024

1. I have an exam in the morning – what time do I need to be in school?

You MUST be on site by 8:30am, ready for line-up at 8:40am so that the exam can start promptly at 9:00am.

2. I don't have an exam in the morning – what time do I need to be in for the revision/ cramming session?

Same as above – make sure you are on site 15mins before the start time so that you are ready for some brilliant revision prior to your examination.

- Can I go into town for lunch after my morning examination?
 No if you have an exam in the morning and an exam in the afternoon, you must remain on site for lunch and you are not allowed into Enfield Town.
- 4. I don't have an exam in the morning, NOR do I have a revision/ cramming session but I do have an exam in the afternoon what time do I have to be in school? Again, same as normal for morning line-up at 8:40am – you will have the morning to revise your own revision under the supervision of your timetabled teachers. You <u>must not be in Enfield Town in the morning</u>, 'revising' in McDonalds, Starbucks or even the Town Library – we cannot supervise this unstructured environment and have found that in the past, it only leads to trouble with students from lots of other schools who also have the

5. My afternoon exam finishes <u>before</u> 3:20pm – what happens then?

same idea.

Afternoon cramming sessions all finish at 3:20pm, so you would join the end of those; however, if the cramming session is not for your next exam, you would be allowed to leave school at the end of your exam and go straight home; you must **not** hang around in Enfield Town.

6. I think I would revise better at home instead of attend the revision/ cramming session – can I do that instead?

No, you are expected to attend all revision/ cramming sessions scheduled for you – we have found that the teachers running those sessions, mainly Curriculum Leaders in the hall in the form of 'walking-talking mocks', have been <u>most</u> successful in predicting, focussing on and drilling down into the exam questions that students will face just hours after the revision session. We believe that listening to our expert teachers go through techniques, questions and exemplary answers prior to the exam is the best way to spend the study time during the exam period.