



NEWRY HIGH SCHOOL

'RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY EXCELLENCE'

April 2023

Dear Parent / Guardian

I am writing to you in order to clarify the examination and study leave arrangements for Year 11 external GCSE modular examinations. Year 11 students have GCSE examinations in the following subjects:

Date	Start	Length	Subject / Module
Wed 8 May	09:15	01:45	English Lang Unit 1
Thurs 9 May	09:15	01:00	L.L.W. Unit 2
Fri 10 May	09:15	01:30	RE unit 6
Mon 13 May	09:15	01:45	English Lit Unit 1 [Prose]
Tue 14 May	13:30	01:30	Business Studies Unit 1
Thurs 16 May	09:15	01:00	Maths unit 2/3/4
Fri 17 May	09:15	01:00	Das: Biology Unit 1 [H] & [F]
Fri 17 May	13.30	01:30	Geography Unit 1
Wed 22 May	09:15	01:00	Das: Chemistry Unit 1 [H] & [F]
Thurs 30 May	13:30	01:30	Tech and Design Unit 1
Fri 7 June	13:30	01:00	Das: Physics Unit 1 H] & [F]
Wed 12 Jun	09:15	01:30	Tech & Design Unit 2

These examinations contribute to the pupils' final GCSE grades that the pupils will achieve in August 2025. The examinations start on the 8 May, and this is a stressful time for our students. However, it is important to find a balance between allowing students adequate preparation time for their examinations and minimizing the disruption to all their other subjects over this period of time. Therefore, the arrangements for this period are as follows:

- Study leave for Year 11 pupils (except for 11V2 pupils) on Tuesday 7 May and Wednesday 8 May. **No formal classes will be running apart from 11V2 lessons.**
- At all other times pupils are allowed **1 day of study leave the day before** they have an **examination**
- Pupils are allowed study leave in the **morning** if they have an examination in the **afternoon**
- **At all other times pupils are expected to attend all lessons as normal e.g., pupils must return to class after a morning examination**
- The normal teaching timetable will continue in classes (except for 7 & 8 May)
- Staff in all subjects have been instructed **not to set normal homework for Year 11 pupils from Wednesday 8 May until Wednesday 22 May** (revision homework for examination subjects may still be set)
- A study room (room 3) will be available for any pupil who cannot get home in between an exam / study leave session e.g. On Wednesday 8 May after the English exam pupils can leave to go home in order to revise for their LLW exam the next day.

Examination timetables have been issued to all pupils along with the examination procedures, rules and regulations provided by the examination boards. Please remind your son/daughter to carefully check the date and time of each of their examinations and to follow all school rules for examinations. In order to minimise the disruption to teaching, I would appreciate the support of parents/carers in ensuring that all Year 11 students correctly follow the above arrangements.

Also, for your information the examination boards have a range of guidance and support documents on their websites. The main links for the CCEA examination board are below

- <https://ccea.org.uk/students-parents>
- <https://ccea.org.uk/students-parents/preparing-exams>
- <https://ccea.org.uk/learning-resources/uncrc-resource-hub>

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our pupils every success in their examinations and if you wish to discuss this issue further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'I Brown', written in a cursive style.

Mr. I Brown
(Principal)