



Court Fields School

Year 11 End of Year Information
2023/24



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Introduction

I hope that you are well and are looking forward to the Easter Holiday. I can't believe we're almost in April already!!

I wanted to write to you, first of all to say thank you for your support for us and your children over the last 4½ years. The school has seen a transformation in that time, and the hard work of our students and staff, alongside the support of our parents, has been key in that improvement. Despite the intervention of the Covid pandemic your children, our Year 11s, are on the verge of being able to achieve fantastic results. Their work so far, and the intense work to come in the next 3 months will help set them up for the future, in education, training or employment.

I'm very pleased to say that the vast majority of our Year 11s are working very hard and demonstrating the mature attitude expected of students at the end of their secondary education. A few students do need to show improvements in these areas, so that they are able to take advantage of the privilege of attending the Prom, and ensure that they achieve the results of which they are capable.




I also wanted to write to you to outline (in one place!) the arrangements and information that Year 11 students and parents will need to know ready for the final months of the students' time at Court Fields School. By putting this information in booklet format, hopefully it breaks it down into manageable chunks, rather than pages and pages of text!

If you have any questions regarding Year 11 please do contact your child's Tutor in the first instance, as they will be an invaluable source of help and support. I also encourage you and your child to follow us on social media as we share information on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter. Please also encourage your child to follow us on Instagram, as they will find a range of helpful information and links to employers, colleges and so on



On behalf of the staff I would like to wish our Year 11 cohort the very best of luck as they enter 'the final straight'. If they follow the guidance of their teachers, and with your support for a structured programme of revision, they will achieve very great things. They know that we have a soft-spot for them as a Year Group; they have been a key part of the development of our school over the past three years, so they really do have our very best wishes.

Mrs Matthews

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PPE Results

The 2nd PPE exam results will be emailed to parents and students by **Thursday 28th March**. Please do make sure we have your most up to date email address and that your child can access their school email. If you have any issues with email please do contact our IT support at support@courtfIELDS.bep.ac

Staff have been asked not to share these exam results until the last week of term to make sure teachers have adequate time to mark and moderate papers accurately. Teachers will be providing feedback and preparing students for their final GCSE exams before this date and will then discuss the grades with students in the final week of this term.

If you have any questions about your child's PPE result or how they can best prepare for their final GCSE exams please do not hesitate to ask your child's teachers.

Exam Timetable

The GCSE Examinations Timetable for this year is available on our school website here: <https://www.courtfIELDS.net/exams.htm>. This shows all of the exams that students will be taking this summer. Students will be provided with a copy of their 'statement of entry' after Easter and this shows students all of the exams that they have been entered for including the dates of each exam. Please make sure your child has checked the statement of entry and informs the school if they are not entered for a subject or that their TIER of entry is not what they were expecting. All of which can be resolved but NOT on the day of the exam.

When we come back after Easter students will be emailed a personalised exam timetable like the one they received for their PPE exams. This timetable clearly shows the key information that students will need to prepare including exam, date, start time, length of exam, room and seat number.

All of these arrangements have been practiced in the two PPE exams to make sure students are fully prepared for the GCSE exams. Please do make sure your child can access their school email and if they have any issues please do contact our IT support staff at: support@courtfIELDS.bep.ac



Leavers' Information

The last official day students are expected on site from 8.40am until 3.10pm is Friday 26th May. Once the exams begin in May, and until the 26th May, students are expected to be in the exams or in lessons.

We will not authorise students to return home after the exams finish each day, unless specifically advised by Mr Dudley in advance to parents, as it is vital they still attend lessons for final revision support.



Please avoid making any appointments for Year 11 students during the school day in the exam period, as they must be able to take advantage of every lesson that they have left so that they are effectively prepared for their exams.

From Monday 3rd June students will only be expected in school for:

- Timetabled exams or revision sessions
- A full programme will be published closer to the time.

To celebrate our students' 5-year journey, we will be providing opportunities to celebrate on our official leavers event that will take place on Friday 14th June. Students taking Geography will have an exam on that morning. All students will take the Science Exam in the afternoon. Following this exam at approx. 2:45pm we will be providing all students with:



- A chance to sign shirts and say goodbyes
- Leavers' Tea
- The Leavers Assembly led by Mr Seaton

We will then hold a celebration Quiz Night on the school site for students, parents, staff and community guests following the assembly on the 14th June.

More details for this event will follow nearer the time.

Some students will also have their Design and Technology, Food Tech and Further Maths exams the following Tuesday and Wednesday.

Preparation for Exams

Over the coming weeks we would expect all students to be revising regularly and for longer in order to fully prepare for the final exams. In Tutor Time this week all students we be issued with a revision handbook containing helpful tips and advice in structuring revision over the coming weeks. This also contains a revision timetable, which your child should complete to help structure their revision. Your support in ensuring that your child sticks to this timetable and completes revision each day will be invaluable in ensuring they achieve the grades they deserve.

We would recommend that students spend up to 3 hours and at least 1 hour each day on revision. After Easter there will be revision sessions held in school each afternoon, and B1 is available to students to use for quiet revision in school on Thursdays. The revision timetable and further information will be sent out after Easter. Please do encourage your child to attend and use this time productively to prepare for their exams.

The following strategies are highly recommended for students to support in their revision:

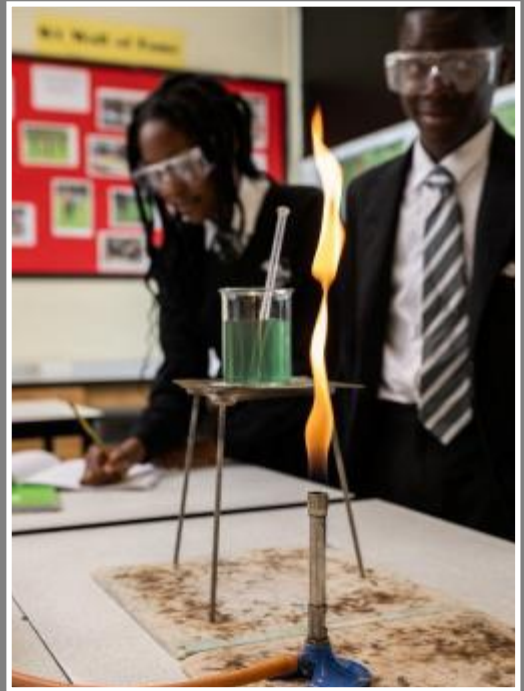
- Use of the 'look/cover/write/check' technique to learn subject specific vocabulary
- Use of flashcards and mind-maps to learn key concepts and theories
- Practice exam responses and use of mark schemes to self assess.

There are also a variety of revision resources available online such as BBC Bitesize, Sparx Maths and Educake and revision guides are available for each subject to purchase via our website.

Over the coming weeks students should use the recent PPEs to RAG rate each subject/topic identifying areas of strength and areas for improvement. What is most in need of revision and those topics that require a light touch.



Please do make sure your child has a copy of the topic lists and do contact your child's teacher if you need a topic list or further support. please do not hesitate to email the subject teacher using the format initialsurname@courtfields.bep.ac. If you need a Revision Guide for your child, please email their Tutor or the main office.



Year 11 Prom

Prom is one of our favourite times of the year. We are pleased to have secured The Somerset Cricket Club in Taunton.

The Prom will take place on Friday 5th July, arrivals from 6pm.

The students will be able to celebrate their time at Court Fields with friends, Year group peers and staff. Parents/families are welcome to come and see the arrivals, take



photos and share in the celebrations. All students will be expected inside the venue and families departed by 7.30pm. The event finishes at 11pm.

Ticket prices are £34 which is payable via Scopay. This includes a welcome drink upon arrival, food, entertainment, photo booth and awards ceremony. Soft drinks will be able to be purchased from the bar throughout the evening. Please ensure that the tickets are purchased by Friday 26 April so that we have plenty of time to confirm numbers with the venue and organise arrival times,.

All students currently have a place at Prom, but we must stress this place will be dependent on behaviour and attendance over the coming weeks. For a very small number of students this place is currently at risk, and their parents will have received a letter explaining this, and the improvements their child needs to make. Attendance to Prom is a privilege and the final decisions will be made by SLT and Mr Seaton. We would like all our students to be able to attend, so we are sure all our Year 11s will continue to work hard, show maturity and commitment to their studies following the Easter break and exam period.

We would like all our students to have the opportunity to celebrate their achievements and their journey at secondary school with us and their peers. If you are experiencing financial hardship which would impact on your child being able to attend the Prom, please do contact us either via your child's Tutor, or via the Finance Department on their email: (finance@courtfields.bep.ac)

We can also signpost parents and students to sources of high-quality pre-loved suits and dresses for Prom. Simply contact us for details.



Year Book

What better way to collect memories of your school life than in a Year Book! Students have been capturing memories over the last 5 years and we have begun to collate these within the Year Book.

Students are supporting its creation by sharing memories to be included and putting the whole product together. The Year Book will include photos taken at the Leavers' Assembly and the Prom.

The Year Book will be available to order next term and students will bring order forms home. The deadline for return will be included and must be met to ensure that the publisher has time to print. Collection of the Year Book will take place during exam results day in August.



Results Day

This year GCSE Results Day is on **Thursday 22nd August 2024**. Students will be able to collect their GCSEs results in person in the school hall. Staff will be on hand to celebrate and to support your child where required.

This date is subject to change by the Government and if this date does change we will inform you as soon as we know. We will also write to you closer to the GCSE Results Day to explain the arrangements in more detail.

