

Dear families of Year 11 students,

Continuing excellent approach to exams

Thank you for your continued support of our young people. They have continued to approach exams with clear determination and positivity.

School Attendance and Focused Lessons

In between exams lessons continue to provide well focused opportunities for supported revision. This often involves bespoke resources being used to target the skills and topics most likely to be assessed in the next exams. Continuing usual routines has also helped students to keep pace with the exams.

Half Term & Saturday Support - Science, History & Maths

Additional sessions have been offered during half term to help prepare students for their final exams. As usual, students should use the small gate by the main reception to access the site and then sign in by the piano. These are excellent sessions focused on the most valuable skills led by specialist teachers.

Sat 27 May	10:00 - 12:00	GCSE History	The American West and Anglo-Saxons	204	NWB
Wed 31 May	10:00 - 12:00	GCSE Science	Physics Triple P2 Revision Biology Combined Science P2 Revision	115 - Triple 116 - CS	KWa AAI
Wed 31 May	13:00 - 15:00	GCSE Science	Biology Triple P2 Revision Physics Combined Science P2 Revision	115 - Triple 116 - CS	AAI KWa
Thu 1 Jun	10:00 - 12:00	GCSE Science	Chemistry Triple P2 Revision Biology B2 Revision	116 114	SPe DCH
Thu 1 Jun	13:00 - 15:00	GCSE Science	Chemistry Combined Science P2 Revision	116	SPe
Fri 2 Jun	10:00 - 12:00	GCSE Maths	Grades 5-6 Ready for Paper 2 Other Grades Ready for Paper 2	106 Lightwell	JHI CRY
Sat 10 Jun	10:00 - 12:00	GCSE History	The USA Conflict	204	NWB

Subject Guidance

Students will also have specific revision tasks for each subject set on Go4Schools by teachers. This helps you to support and encourage preparation at home.

Maths

Students who have been in lessons this week have been given printed revision resources which show the topics most likely to be assessed in the next two papers. There are also specific tasks from each teacher available on Go4Schools.

Copies of the "best guess" papers of topics most likely to be assessed are also collected together here, of all 'best Guess' papers 2/3 to date - also linked here:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/p6d1ukhg5h9gfnz/AACedqh2uO1ZRNcHAEGSkamla?dl=0>

A full set of the most useful GCSE Maths revision resources is available here:

<https://padlet.com/ajohns46/unity-sp-gcse-mathematics-revision-2023-v32vvlkquqwydgio>

Full sets of papers along with worked solutions can be found here:

<https://www.mathsgenie.co.uk/papers.html>

Students should use their RAG sheets from previous mock papers and SPARX maths to revise thoroughly. Do not rely solely on predicted papers.

English

Students have now completed both Literature exams and should focus on Language Paper 1 and 2 revision. Resources to use to support revision: Mrs Whelans on Youtube for modelling responses; BBC Bitesize; Seneca; Mr Bruff. There are also specific tasks from each teacher available on Go4Schools.

Knowledge Organisers:

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1kRfhz8GXuBEJeBgfbA23DMtrEMjmAkl8-28WsaiC16U/edit?usp=sharing>

Past papers to use:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1GnMFnhn9kE3O9hKrNpyUnImQvY5eqTZS?usp=share_link

A work booklet to support Language Paper 2 Question 5:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hYvL_uFQq7J10Tb3viVd4KhVLiSwgHeqLkoOOI2nkgk/edit?usp=sharing

Science

Students have access to three Google Classrooms designed by our teachers to support revision for Science. These contain lots of revision resources and links to BBC Bitesize, Seneca and videos to watch. Students should now focus their revision on activities Biology 2, Chemistry 2 and Physics 2. Copies of papers and markschemes are available online, without the need for a password. These can be used online or printed.

[Year 11 Revision Materials](#)

Option Subjects

Option subjects have each provided specific tasks on Go4Schools and in most cases through online platforms or Google Classroom. If students do not have a useful activity for their remaining subjects or would like additional resources they are welcome to contact their teachers by email.

Celebrations & Next Steps

Prom

Prom is on Friday 14 July at Stoke By Nayland Golf Club & Hotel. Arrival is from 7 pm with carriages home at 10:30 pm. Tickets can be purchased using the School Gateway payment system - free tickets earned through merits will be issued to students after half term. Tickets must be purchased by Friday 9th June so that we can give the venue our final numbers.

Graduation & Records of Achievement

Our Graduation ceremony is on Thursday 29 June from 10:30 am until noon.

Students and up to 2 adult guests will be received in a marquee in the school grounds. Dress is formal/smart (no need to wear school uniform). Light refreshments will be served following the event to enable you to socialise after the Ceremony. Our talented musicians will also provide entertainment

Please indicate in the Google Form your attendance by Friday 9 th June:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1XIDkRbQJc-hBfNecLokstT-jlZVvkK8p4d3veWgUhPpk/edit>

Students need to make sure their completed Records of Achievement are with careers by Friday 9 June.

Yearbook & Hoodies

Yearbooks can be purchased using the School Gateway system and again these need to be purchased by Friday 9 June.

We are still chasing some students for their final Yearbook comments.

Yearbooks will be handed out at Graduation and any student not attending Graduation can collect their Yearbook on results day.

Hoodies are ordered directly from the Snow Union website:

<https://www.snowunion.co.uk/product/thomas-gainsborough-school-graduates-2023-hoodie/>

The deadline for ordering these is earlier - Sunday 28th May.

These will be delivered to school and available for collection at Graduation or on results day.

Sixth Form Taster Day, Wednesday 28 June

Information about the Sixth Form Taster Day will be shared with you after half term. We look forward to welcoming many year 11 students, including from other schools, to the day where you can meet the Sixth Form team and students and experience a range of subjects that students are considering.

If students have still not made an application but would like to attend then please email the Sixth Form team, sixthform@tgschool.net

We wish you all a well balanced week of rest and preparation for the final run of exams.

Thomas Gainsborough School