

WEST HILL SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your son's remaining time at West Hill is rapidly coming to a close and very soon he will be involved in completing his external GCSE examinations. In preparation for these important exams, your son should be completing homework and revision each evening. We strongly recommend that at least 90 minutes each evening is given to revision. To help him know how to revise, sessions have taken place in IDP and revision wall planners have been given out by form tutors. Subject teachers are providing after school sessions for coursework improvements and revision and details of these will be published on the school website calendar.

The main body of written examinations run from Tuesday May 3rd until Tuesday 21st June. Every pupil has been given a copy of the provisional examination schedule. This is also available on the school website examinations area.

The **Art Exam** will take place on March 7th and 8th. Pupils will attend a three hour session on one of the two days. English speaking and listening assessments will begin during the same week. The date of the **PE Practical Exam** is likely to be on 23rd March. The preparation work for both these exams has already started. Many subject areas are completing controlled assessments during lesson time. Pupils who miss these lessons for any reason will need to attend catch-up sessions.

Health and Emotional Wellbeing

Year 11 and the examination period can be a very stressful time. Please help by providing a calm, quiet place for revision to take place at home. If you notice any changes in behaviour or attitude over the next few months then please contact your sons form tutor in the first instance. We have a health mentor and other support available in school.

Ethics GCSE groups

Due to unavoidable absence within the department, some RE lessons will need to be covered during February and March. Teaching of the course has finished and revision materials will be provided for use during lesson time. We are planning extra revision sessions over Easter in case any pupils require any further assistance with their RE revision.

Post 16 Provision

Most boys have now applied for and chosen their post 16 pathway. For boys interested in pursuing an apprenticeship, vacancies are advertised on the school website in the careers area.



We strongly advise that anyone interested in an apprenticeship attends the Apprenticeships Fair at school on Thursday 4th February. This applies even to pupils who have already applied for an apprenticeship. Mr Musiol, the school's IAG Advisor is available should any boy wish to arrange an appointment.

Communication with school

Information is regularly communicated to parents via our twitter account. If you have not yet signed up, please do so at Twitter: @westhillschool.

You can also use our parent portal to see current assessment information and behaviour, both positive and negative. This is updated daily. If you do not have your log-in details please contact school. <https://parents.westhillschool.co.uk> This link is available on the school homepage.

Advance Notice of Important Dates

Exam Results will be available at school from 9.30am on Thursday, 25th August, 2015. Further details to follow.

Presentation Evening to celebrate the achievements of the Class of 2016 will be held on Thursday 17th November, at Dukinfield Town Hall.

Thank-you for your ongoing support

Mr P Butterworth

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Assistant Headteacher

Head of Year 11

