



EMMANUEL COLLEGE
Emmanuel Schools Foundation

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Dear Parent

Year 11 Rehearsal GCSE Examinations

I am writing to remind you that the rehearsal GCSE examinations take place from **Monday 15 November to Friday 26 November** inclusive. Full attendance during the exams is expected and we ask you not to book any medical or other routine appointments during this period. You will find a copy of the dates in this email. There are a number of reasons why these are likely to be the most important exams your son or daughter will have taken to date:

- these results will serve as a major encouragement for successful students; on the other hand, a poor set of results at this stage will undermine confidence in the summer;
- recommendations for a place on a given course in the sixth form and references written for other institutions will be made on the basis of your son or daughter's performance in these exams;
- the next five weeks provide an opportunity for your son or daughter to begin creating a set of revision notes. If this is done well then there will be less work to do in the lead-up to GCSEs.

As well, as the standard reasons above, it is well documented that the trial exams for last year's cohort nationally were used to help award the teacher assessed grades and while the hope is that the students will sit their exams this summer, we do live in uncertain times and we want these results to be the best possible that they could achieve.

For all of these reasons we strongly recommend that revision for these exams should begin right away, if it hasn't already. The exam timetable will be made available to all students via *It's Learning* and will also be available on our parent portal. Revision material will be made available by subject teachers on *It's Learning*. We hope this will prove useful as they begin revision.

On the basis of these examinations, and on the work done during the course of this academic year, an annual report will be issued on **Friday 10 December**. We will be meeting every student individually in January and February to discuss their future in the light of their proven ability.

In preparation for the exams, I have recommended that all students should use their time in school well, which includes maximizing their time in any Independent studies between 3.05 and 4. Over the coming weeks, we will be arranging academic supports for some students in this time and it is important that these are taken seriously.

The year group have had a great start to the year and have adapted well to returning to College. The atmosphere at school is calm and studious and I do hope this continues. We will do all we can to support your son or daughter as students embark on their revision at this critical time.

Yours sincerely

Mr D Ridley
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All exams are in the sports hall unless indicated otherwise. Students not involved in exams remain in the sports hall to revise unless indicated otherwise. Students attend tutor time as normal every day. Students should attend their normal timetabled lessons on Friday afternoons and where indicated below. On the days where afternoon exams run beyond 3.05pm, students will not attend co-curricular activities.

	9:00am start	1:00pm start
Mon 15 Nov	French – Writing foundation (1 h 5 mins) French – Writing higher (1 h 20 mins) Followed by Mathematics paper 1 non-calculator (1½ h)	English literature paper 1 part 1 (50 min) Followed by English literature paper 1 part 2 (50 min)
	<i>Students remain in sports hall until the end of period 4.</i>	<i>Students return to lessons during period 8.</i>
Tues 16 Nov	History – Migration Empire and People (40 minutes) Followed by Mathematics paper 2 calculator (1½ h)	Geography – Human (1 h 30 mins) Followed by Religious studies - Paper 1 (1 h)
	<i>Students return to lessons for the start of period 4.</i>	<i>Students remain in sports hall until 4pm.</i>
Wed 17 Nov	Engineering (1 h) Followed by Biology (1¾ h)	English language paper 1 (1¾ h)
	<i>Students remain in sports hall until the end of period 4.</i>	<i>Students remain in sports hall until the end of period 8.</i>
Thurs 18 Nov	Technology (2 h) Followed by (starting at 11:20am): Drama practical – Drama studio (45 mins)	Drama practical - Drama studio (2¾ h) Food and nutrition (1¾ h) Economics – Paper 1 (1½ h) Followed by Economics - Paper 2 (45 mins)
	<i>Students that do not study technology attend lessons as normal. Technology students return to lessons for the start of period 4. Drama students begin exam at the start of period 4.</i>	<i>Students that do not have an exam attend lessons as normal. Exam students return to lessons at the end of their exam. If this is not possible due to co-curricular activities, student should remain in the hall until 4pm.</i>
Fri 19 Nov	Chemistry (1¾ h)	
	<i>Students return to lessons during period 3.</i>	

Mon 22 Nov	History - Germany (1 h) Followed by English Literature paper 2 (1¾ h)	Geography – Physical (1½ h) Followed by Geography – Skills (1¼ h)
	<i>Students remain in sports hall until the end of period 4.</i>	<i>Students that do not study geography attend lessons as normal. Geography students remain in sports hall until 4pm.</i>
Tues 23 Nov	Music Component 1 M2 (3 hours) Computer science (2 h)	Religious studies – Paper 2 (1¾ h) Followed by German – Reading foundation (45 mins) German – Reading higher (1 h) Latin - Literature (1¼ h)
	<i>Students that do not study computer science or music attend lessons as normal.</i>	<i>Students that do not study German or Latin return to lessons during period 8. German and Latin students remain in the sports hall until 4pm.</i>
Wed 24 Nov	German – Writing higher (1 h 20 mins) German – Writing foundation (1 h 5 mins) Followed by Mathematics paper 3 calculator (1½ h)	Business studies (2 h) Drama – Written (1 h) Latin - Language (1½ h)
	<i>Students remain in sports hall until the end of period 4.</i>	<i>Students that do not have an exam attend lessons as normal. Exam students return to lessons at the end of their exam.</i>
Thurs 25 Nov	French – Reading foundation (¾ h) French – Reading higher (1 h) Followed by Physics (1¾ h)	History – Cold war (1 h) Followed by English Language – Paper 2 (1¾ h)
	<i>Students remain in sports hall until the end of period 4.</i>	<i>Students remain in sports hall until 4pm.</i>
Fri 26 Nov	Music Component 3 – Drama studio (1¼ h)	
	<i>Students that do not study music attend lessons as normal.</i>	