

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Year 11 Updates

Your child is now approaching their final terms at Stamford Welland Academy, coursework and controlled assessments are near completion and the exam season will be fast approaching.

Intervention Sessions:

In order to support students to achieve their maximum potential, intervention sessions have been put in place throughout the academy day which focus on Controlled Assessments, exam skills and revision. There are a wide range of sessions available. Each student has been carefully considered for each session, so they are supported with specific areas of improvement. Sessions take place in tutor time, lunch time or after school. The after-school sessions run from 3pm until 4pm.

Please be reassured that each student's sessions will be reviewed as the exams approach, with changes being made accordingly to ensure they continue to benefit from the correct support that we have on offer. Our intention is to ensure every student achieves the very best grades so that they can go on to be successful and happy in their future lives.

Registers will be taken and monitored, and students will be expected to get into the habit of this extra learning time. It should not be treated as an optional extra, but rather a necessary and crucial part of their learning. We would really appreciate your assistance in ensuring that the students are aware of our expectations at these sessions.

A timetable of the sessions available to all students is shown on the following pages. Additional sessions will also be scheduled for selected individuals to focus on specific areas (e.g. lunchtime or tutor time sessions) and will be communicated to them directly.

Holiday revision sessions will be provided for some subjects during the school holidays. Details of these will be shared nearer the time.

Revision guidance for each subject from their subject teachers was shared at the parents evening before the Christmas holidays and more detail will be shared in upcoming lessons. There are a number of excellent online resources pupils can access to supplement their revision and these were mentioned too. In addition, they can also ask their form tutor to assist them in preparing a revision timetable.

Coursework:

We are approaching the final deadlines for some remaining coursework to the exam boards. This is a non-negotiable date set by the boards for all schools in the country. Staff need to mark and check all paperwork to meet this deadline, so will be asking for coursework to be submitted by Easter. Please ensure your child is aware of any deadlines for coursework and attends any interventions to complete this, so they can meet this deadline. This will then allow them to concentrate on examinations after

the holiday. If you require any more information about the coursework to support your child, please do not hesitate to contact their teacher.

Summer Examinations:

To help prepare for the summer exam season that is fast approaching, a timetable of the exams is also attached. These are external examinations sat nationally and cannot be amended. Therefore, please ensure that you and your child are aware of these and attend on time.

Examinations must not be missed unless there is an exceptional circumstance (e.g. hospitalisation). It costs on average £50 to enter students per subject, but this can be more for BTEC subjects or ones with multiple examinations. Should a student miss an exam without a valid reason (e.g. medical note), we will ask you to pay the costs of that particular exam.

In the case of extreme illness, please ring the school immediately on 01780 761000 and leave a message. Please then obtain a medical certificate and send this to the school as soon as possible. Exam boards may award a grade, if only part of an exam or one from several for a series are missed, provided a medical certificate is supplied for these exceptional circumstances. However, nothing will be awarded for students who miss examinations for common illnesses.

Please do not book holidays during the examination series, as they cannot be rearranged, and students will not be awarded any marks if missed for this reason. Please try to avoid holidays in half term too, as revision sessions will be provided by staff to support with revision for those examinations in June. Details of the rules for examinations can be found here: <https://www.jcq.org.uk/examsoffice/information-for-candidates-documents>. I have also attached some general organisational advice and reminders about procedures in school.

Students will have the chance to say a final farewell on in June. Details will be shared nearer the time.

Results Day:

This year the results day for GCSE examinations is Thursday, 20th August 2026 when students may come to school to collect a school printout of their results between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm. Exam results are issued on this date and the documentation issued must be kept safely until the certificates are issued to school in November 2026. If a student cannot attend school to collect their results in person, please let us know asap.

If you have any further questions regarding the content of the examinations, please do not hesitate to contact the Subject Leaders. Their contact details are mentioned in the 'Raising Attainment' booklet on the website. If you have any questions regarding the examination process, please contact our Exams Officer, Mr Craig Gardiner (cgardiner@stamfordwellandacademy.org).

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Hayley Twigger
Assistant Principal

Intervention Sessions:

	Tutor Time 8.40am – 9.00am			Lunch Time 12.20am – 1.00pm		Afterschool 3.00pm – 4.00pm	
Monday	English (invited students)	Science (invited students)		Art (invited students)	Media (invited students)	Food (invited students)	DT (invited students)
Tuesday	Maths (Foundation) (invited students)	English (invited students)	French (invited students)				
Wednesday	Maths (Higher) (invited students)	Science (sign up required)		Maths (Foundation) (open to all)		Science (open to all)	
Thursday	Maths (Foundation) (invited students)			Maths (Higher) (open to all)		English (open to all)	Geography (invited students)
Friday				Geography (invited students)		History (open to all)	

Summer Exam Timetable:

April	Monday 27th	Tuesday 28th	Wednesday 29th	Thursday 30th	Friday 1st
9:00 AM	French Speaking (times tbc by teacher)	French Speaking (times tbc by teacher)	French Speaking (times tbc by teacher)	Art	Art
1:00 PM				French Speaking (times tbc by teacher)	
May	Monday 4th	Tuesday 5th	Wednesday 6th	Thursday 7th	Friday 8th
9:00 AM		Health & Social Exam*			Sport Studies*
1:00 PM					
May	Monday 11th	Tuesday 12th	Wednesday 13th	Thursday 14th	Friday 15th
9:00 AM	English Literature Paper 1		Geography Paper 1	Mathematics Paper 1	History Paper 1
1:00 PM		Biology Paper 1	Computer Science Paper 1		
May	Monday 18th	Tuesday 19th	Wednesday 20th	Thursday 21st	Friday 23rd
9:00 AM	Chemistry Paper 1	English Literature Paper 2	French Listening & Reading	English Language Paper 1	Italian Listening & Reading
1:00 PM		Computer Science Paper 2	Enterprise & Marketing*		
HALF TERM					
June	Monday 1st	Tuesday 2nd	Wednesday 3rd	Thursday 4th	Friday 5th
9:00 AM	Italian Writing Russian Paper 1	Physics Paper 1	Mathematics Paper 2	History Paper 2	English Language Paper 2

1:00 PM		History Paper 3 Polish Listening & Reading Russian Paper 3	Geography Paper 2	French Writing	
June	Monday 8th	Tuesday 9th	Wednesday 10th	Thursday 11th	Friday 12th
9:00 AM	Biology Paper 2	Spanish Listening & Reading	Mathematics Paper 3	Geography Paper 3	Chemistry Paper 2
1:00 PM	Creative Imedia		Design & Technology Russian Paper 4		Catering & Hospitality (Online) Polish Writing
June	Monday 15th	Tuesday 16th	Wednesday 18th	Thursday 19th	Friday 20th
9:00 AM	Physics Paper 2	Spanish Writing			
1:00 PM					



Please note:

- Revision session details will be shared next half term.
- English Spoken Exams times to be confirmed with students closer to the date
- Russian, French, Spanish, Italian and Polish Speaking Exams times to be confirmed with students closer to the date
- Coursework deadlines for each subject will be confirmed closer the dates.

Additional Examination Information

Study Leave

There is no study leave for students during examinations. If students are not attending examinations, they are expected to attend all normal lessons. Staff are aware of when students have examinations and will plan accordingly.

Organising yourself for exam days:

Make sure that you know exactly when your exams are.

Make sure you have everything you need the night before – books you can take in, equipment including a calculator.

Be fresh, get up in good time, shower and EAT breakfast. This will help kick start your brain as it uses huge amounts of glucose in exams. Students who eat breakfast perform better in GCSE's.

Please ensure you allow enough time to get to school so if you are delayed for any reason e.g. traffic, you will still arrive in good time.

Leave yourself time to go to the toilet before the exam.

Have water ready for the exam – don't dehydrate and lose concentration.

Prepare equipment ready for the exams, including a spare of each item. You need to make sure that you bring in ALL relevant items for each exam, e.g. a calculator. Please make sure you also bring in pens, pencils, eraser, ruler and a sharpener in a clear pencil case or plastic bag.

Examination Advice:

Being nervous is normal and gives your brain extra adrenalin to help you make a final effort.

Listen to the teacher/invigilator for any last minute instructions.

Read the instructions and then read through the paper – don't pick up your pen until you have done this.

As you read mark off questions you can do and then choose the best ones for you – check that you have chosen the right number of questions.

Spend the first couple of minutes writing down key formula or facts you are going to need so you don't forget them or leave them out.

Know how many marks each section or question is worth and how you should split your time. If you run out of time write in note form to get some facts down but keep to your time limits – you can always come back if you have time at the end.

If you go blank at any stage leave that question, take a few deep breaths, turn over and do something else you can do. Come back to it and reread it slowly and calmly.

Exam Arrangements & Regulations:



If you are ill and cannot take the exam, you must telephone the school immediately and leave a message.

You must ensure you sit at the correct table.

Once inside the room, Exam Board rules state that you must be silent. If there is any communication between any students it will be assumed that you are cheating and will be treated accordingly. You must not talk until you leave the exam room.

We cannot stress enough how important it is not to bring in mobile phones, MP3 players or any other electronic device. Anyone caught with a mobile phone or electronic device whether it is turned off or not will be severely reprimanded by the appropriate Exam Board. You may be disqualified from that exam and any other exams.

You can bring a clear bottle of drink into the exam room. However, you are not allowed to bring in the following items:

- Canned or cartons of drinks
- Chewing Gum
- Any other food

You are not allowed to leave the exam room even if you have finished your exam.