# 2023-2024 November Examinations Newsletter



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A number of students have been entered for an exam in November. These students should check their exam timetable on EduLink under 'Exams'. Rooms and seat numbers will appear nearer the time of the exams and any changes to a room or seat will also show on EduLink so students should continue to check this up until their exam day. If a student thinks that there is an error in their exam entry or timetable, they <u>must report</u> this to a member of the Examinations Team (S37) - Tel. 0114 262 5724 / 5770 ASAP.

Email and text messaging are the preferred mode of contact with students, so it is important that students check their emails regularly. If students change their mobile phone number, they must inform the 6<sup>th</sup> Form immediately.

#### **IMPORTANT Information for students**

Information that students <u>must</u> read before entering an exam can be found on the Sixth Form website - <u>Revision + Exams - </u>Longley Park Sixth Form

#### **Exam Regulations**

The 6<sup>th</sup> Form must implement a very precise set of requirements in all exams. The 6<sup>th</sup> Form can be inspected by the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) at any time throughout an exams series, to ensure that the 6th Form is setting the expected standards. Therefore, students <u>must</u> familiarise themselves with the required JCQ documents before their first exam, these can be found on the website here - Revision + Exams - Longley Park Sixth Form



### **Attendance At The Exams**

Punctuality is important. Exams start at **9.00am or 1.30pm** (unless stated otherwise). **Students must arrive at least 15 minutes prior to this time**. Students not in their seats at the official start time will be marked as late and may not get the missed time for their exam. Students arriving over 30 minutes after the start time of the exam <u>will not be allowed into the exam</u>. Once the exam is over all students must go immediately to their next lesson.

All students <u>must</u> bring their student card with them for all exams; invigilation staff do not regularly see these students so cannot identify them in an examination room.

#### **Equipment**

It is a student's responsibility to ensure that they have all they will need for their exams, i.e. <u>Black</u> Pens, Pencils, Ruler, Rubber, Sharpener, Calculator, etc in a clear pencil case/bag.

Where the use of a calculator is required, all students should have been given a security sticker by their subject teacher to confirm that their calculator meets the JCQ regulations. If students do not have a sticker, the calculator will be confiscated. Water is allowed in the exam but must be in a transparent bottle, with all labels removed.

## **Mobile Phones, Watches and Other Electronic Devices**



Possession of unauthorised items, such as a mobile phone or any watch, is a serious offence and could result in **DISQUALIFICATION** 

Mobile phones, watches (of any kind) and any other electronic devises will not be allowed in the examination room, this also includes headphones. Anyone found in the possession of these items during the examination, whether they intended to use it or not, will be reported to the Examination Board and may be disqualified from that examination. The sixth form will do random spot-checks to ensure students have no unauthorised items in their pockets. Secure cages are available for students to lock away any personal items.

Only headwear worn for religious and medical reasons can be left on during the exam, if we suspect a student of wearing headphones, we may ask to check under the headwear, this can be conducted in private (by a female member of staff if required) to ensure headphones are removed. **Sports caps and woolly hats etc. will not be allowed.** Refusal to observe

staff requests may result in a student not being allowed into the examination room and could constitute malpractice which could be reported to the examining board.

#### Illness

Students should make every attempt to attend an exam, however if a student is too unwell to attend, they should report this in the usual way to the 6<sup>th</sup> Form.

## **Exam Contingency Days**

Contingency days are put in place in the event of national or significant local disruption to exams in the United Kingdom, and are part of the awarding bodies' standard contingency planning for exams.

The dates that have been set aside as the contingency days for summer 2013 are Thursday 8th June and Thursday 15th June 2023 (afternoons only), and Wednesday 28th June 2023 (all day). This means that all exam candidates must be available to sit exams from the date of their first exam until Wednesday 28th June 2023.

### **Results Days**

• Thursday 11th January 2024

Information about Results and Post Results Services will be available to students nearer the time.

Thank you and good luck in your exams.