



Specialising in English and The Arts

Our ref: SCR/JBN/11

May 2013

Dear Parent / Guardian

I write to you as we near the end of your child's time at Unity College. The college will close for the half term holiday on Friday 24 May 2013 at 3.30pm. There is a staff training day on Monday 3 June therefore college will re-open for students on Tuesday 4 June 2013.

From this date, year 11 students will be expected to work from home preparing for their final examinations. We continue to offer all students 24 hours access to online revision tools such as SAM Learning throughout the entire exam period. I encourage you to remind your child that these can greatly increase their chances of success.

From June onwards your child is invited back into school for specific revision sessions. Please see the attached schedule for details. Exams are already well underway and some take place as early as Monday 3 June. Please make sure you have checked the dates and times for each of your child's examinations. Your child should have received their own personal timetable with the dates and timings on. The full examination timetable can also be found on the college website.

It is quite a tradition for year 11's to have their shirts signed after the last day of term. Any student wearing a shirt with graffiti on will be sent home to start their study leave early. I would suggest that your child brings in a spare college shirt on their last few days to be signed if they wish to. Many students last year brought in note books to be signed by staff and students which is a great memento to keep rather than a signed shirt.

I write to remind you that your child must wear full uniform for any revision sessions or examinations. If they arrive out of uniform for revision sessions they will be sent home. If they arrive for an examination out of uniform they will be isolated for the examination. When students come into college for any revision only sessions they must sign in at Internal Reception. They do not need to sign in if they are sitting an examination as they will be registered there.

Once your child has finished their normal lessons after 24 May 2013 it is likely that they will no longer need any of their PE kit. Any donations of PE kit would be gratefully received. **Once they have finished their last GCSE examination** any donations of uniform would also be gratefully received. If you would like to donate any part of your child's uniform please hand in to the main college reception. I thank you in anticipation of this donation.

GCSE Results Day this year is on Thursday 22 August 2013 and will be held in the Auditorium at Unity College. Students will be allowed to collect their GCSE certificates from Unity College during the week commencing 25 November 2013. They will collect them from main reception. Students will need to come in person for their certificates as they cannot be collected by friends/other adults.



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College will open at 9.45am and there will be a short assembly in the Auditorium at 10.00am before your child collects their results.

A number of students have already achieved their GCSE results in some subjects eg mathematics. For those students who sat their GCSE English earlier this year the students have now received their raw scores. The grades will not be determined by the examination board until August 2013 when the grade boundaries have been confirmed. Due to this, all students who sat this examination earlier this year will be re-taking their GCSE English written paper to ensure that they get the best possible mark.

I take this opportunity to wish your child every success in their remaining GCSE's and look forward to seeing many of them at the College prom on Friday 28 June 2013. On this evening students will also be receiving awards from subject areas and other special awards.

Yours faithfully

S Cryer (Mrs)
Headteacher