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To: Parents/Guardians of Yr12 students
Cc: Bursar

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As we approach the conclusion of your child's year 12 it is very important to outline what lies ahead in the coming weeks and months.

Below is a timetable of formal examinations that runs through to June 17th which is later than in previous years.

With Year 12 students having missed so much face to face education over the last two years it is vitally important that students take up the opportunity to attend classes for as long as possible. As a College we cannot emphasise enough the importance of students, in GCSE subjects in particular, attending their timetabled classes until their final examination.

Those students taking vocational qualifications with 100% coursework will be completed earlier this year than GCSE subjects as their work must be submitted in most subjects by late May. Good attendance up until all coursework is completed is essential. Once these courses and Essential Skills English and Maths exams are completed in late May a small number of students will then have completed their studies and will no longer be required to attend classes.

There will be no single finishing date for all students as they all do a different combination of subjects and it is important that you are aware of what examinations your child is taking. If you are uncertain please contact your child's form tutor or class teacher in an individual subject for further clarity.

What we do not want to happen is for those students completing GCSE subjects to fail to attend during the month of June and in the days ahead of their exam where very important revision can be completed. Despite having module marks in some subjects students have not completed their GCSE courses until these examinations are concluded. As some subjects are completed this also gives valuable time that can then be used to revise for other subjects which are still to come and students should be prepared for this with work given to them by staff that they can be working on during these classes.

To give our students the best chance of success they should attend classes right up to their examinations to get the maximum support from teaching staff. We would be grateful if all parents would assist with this and encourage thorough revision and good attendance through to the conclusion of examinations. If there is any further information required, please contact the College on 02844612115 or email: info@blackwateric.downpatrick.ni.sch.uk

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*Included with this letter are the examination dates for your child. The only examinations missing from this list are Essential Skills English and Maths which will be taken during week commencing 23rd May 2022 and dates will be finalised soon.

*GCSE Science Practical examination will be completed in school on Thurs 28th April 2022.

Revision classes:

English Language Unit 1 & 4

After school classes will be available on **Tuesdays & Thursdays.**

Date	Revision Focus	Room
26 th April	Unit 1	English 3 - EK
28 th April	Unit 1	English 1 -YT
3 rd May	Unit 1	English 3 - EK
5 th May	Unit 1	English 1 - YT
10 th May	Unit 1	English 3 - EK
12 th May	Unit 1	English 1 - YT
17 th	Last chance revision	English 3 - EK
Wednesday 18th May	Unit 1 Exam 9.15	
24 th May	Unit 4	English 1 - YT
26 th May	Unit 4	English 3 - EK
31 st May	Unit 4	English 1 -YT
7 th June	Unit 4	English 3 - EK
9 th June	Last chance revision	English 1/3 – YT/EK
Friday 10th June	Unit 4 Exam 9.15	

Please let Mrs Killen/Mrs Taylor know in advance if you will be attending!

Geography Revision:

Each Tuesday evening from 7.00 – 8.00pm on Google Meet

Mathematics Revision:

Each Tuesday after school 3.10 – 4.10pm

***Further classes will be organised closer to examinations.**

Stephen Taylor
Principal