



# Sandringham School

'Everybody can be Somebody'



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Dear Year 11 Parent/Carers,

Firstly, may we take this opportunity to wish you a happy new year and hope that this letter finds you and your family well.

As we start the Spring term, we wanted to provide some pertinent information and key dates to you in a single letter. At our parents/carers information evening last term we mentioned the business of the first half term with many events taking place for both the students and their families.

Before the Christmas holidays your child completed their trial examinations. Teachers have worked tirelessly over the past few weeks marking and moderating these assessments. On **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January** your child received both their trial and predicted grades. We hope that you have had sight of these already. Copies of these results can be accessed via the MyChildAtSchool (MCAS) portal.

Earlier this week we hosted our Sandringham School into the Sixth Evening. This provided an opportunity for students to learn more about the courses available in the sixth form and hear from subject tutors. If you were unable to attend or you didn't visit all the subjects your child wanted to see, further information can be found on the school website - <https://sandringham.herts.sch.uk/sixth-form-admissions/>

Year 11 Parents Teacher Consultation evening will take place on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January**. You will have received a separate communication about this from Mr Leat. Your attendance at this event is of great significance as this will be the final formal opportunity to discuss your child's progress with subject teachers prior to the public examinations in the summer. If you need any assistance with booking appointments, please reach out to Mr Smith by emailing [admin@sandringham.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@sandringham.herts.sch.uk)

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February** marks the deadline for sixth form applications across the BSV consortium. If your child is considering applying to another post 16 provision, such as college, we would strongly encourage that they aim to apply by this deadline too. During the Spring term we will continue to provide students with post 16 and careers guidance through planned events (such as a forthcoming ELD) but also through guidance meetings with a careers advisor.



Looking further ahead, in accordance with DfE and Ofqual guidance, we continue to prepare students for public examinations this summer. As previously outlined, there will be some minor adjustments to these examinations, such as students have access to formula sheets in Maths and Science.

The window for this summer's exam series has been released by the exam regulator, JCQ. Below we have noted key dates for this summer's series:

**First public examination – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

**Final public examination – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023**

**Contingency exam day – Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2023 (students must be available on this date)**

As with the trial exams, students will receive their own personal exam timetable via the Student VLE which they will need to follow throughout the public examination period. This will be issued closer to the time.

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May** will be your child's last formal day in school before going on study leave. However, it should be noted that some subjects may continue to run revision activities in the lead up to exams. We will also always provide space for your child to study in a quiet environment in school should they wish to. More information about this will follow in due course. On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May, we will be holding a celebration assembly for the year group where there will be an opportunity to distribute yearbooks and for shirt signing to take place.

For students who have applied to study at sixth form, there is a two-day induction which students are required to attend. This will take place on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June and Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June**. At the same time, we will also be hosting our book/equipment return where students will also be able to collect their prom ticket.

Students also have the year 11 Prom to look forward to. This is taking place on **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June** at 7pm in the main hall. As we have done in previous years, we would like to invite parents/carers to attend the arrival of the event to take photos and share this momentous occasion with staff at the school.

If your child is taking part in the Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award this year, the qualifying expedition to the Peak District will take place on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July to Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July**. Mrs Cuneen will provide further information in due course.

Finally, the published date for GCSE and vocational examination results day is on the morning of **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August**. We also run sixth form and post-16 options surgeries on this day.

I hope this letter is useful in outlining the final months of your child's time in year 11. Rest assured that more detailed information about each event will follow nearer the time. As we have outlined from year 7, working in partnership with families is key to your child's success and therefore having a shared understanding of their journey is critical.

As ever, should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's form tutor in the first instance via [admin@sandringham.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@sandringham.herts.sch.uk)

Yours sincerely,

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