

# Parent Bulletin

Week commencing Monday 20 May 2024 – Week 2

Dear Parents and Carers

This past week almost all students in years 11 and 13 have started their formal examinations. I want to pass on my thanks and congratulations to our students for the mature and calm way they have approached these examinations. The large majority have come in early for their breakfast and revision sessions, which helps them get into the right frame of mind for the examination. By the end of next week, many of our students will be half way through their schedule of examinations.

This year, I found myself teaching a Mathematics GCSE group, to cover for an absent colleague. Maths is one of my main subjects, and it has been good to teach the class, helping them in their final preparations and revision for their examinations. The first maths GCSE paper was yesterday morning. As students came out of the examination, it was good to hear that many of them had found the paper very manageable – the higher tier paper was more demanding than the foundation tier, as you would expect.

To hear students discussing the questions – which ones they had found difficult, the odd wording of one or two questions, and so on – took me back to the origin of my doctoral research. Overhearing students having these exact same conversations at my previous school made me want to know more about the factors that create demand and difficulty for students in their GCSE mathematics examinations. It has been good to put the insights I gained through my study to work to help our current generation of students.

Elsewhere in the school, we have made a small number of appointments for teaching staff next year. As with other appointments this year, we have delighted with the levels of interest in posts we advertise, and in the high quality of the applicants we are attracting. Almost all candidates tell us about the growing reputation of our school in the community. I know that this is down to the conversations you have with your relatives, neighbours and friends. Thank you for the confidence you continue to show in our school, and for recommending our school to others.

With all good wishes,

Yours faithfully

***Dr A Fowler***  
***Principal***

## **Attendance Incentive**

On Monday 13 May, we launched to students our attendance incentive for the end of the summer term. All students who meet the entry requirements will enjoy a 'Fun Day' during the last week of term, the day and date of which will be confirmed later, but I can confirm it will not be the last Friday of the summer term i.e. 19 July 2024.

Student attendance will be reviewed for an 8 week period, from Monday 13 May 2024 to Friday 12 July 2024.

The criteria for students to qualify for this incentive and reward is based on a 3 tier system, details of which can be found below.

- **Tier 1** : achieve 100% attendance and receive no C Codes
- **Tier 2** : achieve over 96% attendance and receive no more than 8 negative points
- **Tier 3** : Demonstrate a significant improvement in attendance and behaviour (this decision will be taken by a member of the school Senior Leadership Team – SLT)

Spot prizes will be issued throughout the 8-week incentive. Any student who does not meet the qualifying criteria will attend lessons on the day as normal.

Key points for students to remember are:

- **Their attendance for the incentive is measured between 13 May and 12 July**
- **Student behaviour points are measured between 13 May and 12 July**

This provides students who may have accumulated negative behaviour points or have had low attendance before 13 May, to have a 'fresh start' and begin the incentive review period from a '0' negative start.

- **Students achieving Tier 1** – will have automatic entry to the 'fun day'
- **Students achieving Tier 2 or Tier 3** – their entry will be dependent on spaces available
- **Students achieving Tier 3** – their entry is also based on the decision of a member of SLT

We have also given our students the opportunity to provide us with suggestions and ideas for some of the activities they may wish to be included on their day, such as:

- Inflatables
- Ice Cream Van
- BBQ
- Sporting activities
- Burger van
- DJ
- Sweet stall
- Silent Disco

Any suggestions or ideas students have should be passed to their tutor representatives, tutor, or any member of their year team.

Please discuss these incentives and the qualifying criteria with your child and help them to be part of what will be a fantastic and 'fun' day!

***Mr I Cooper***  
***Deputy Principal***

## **Parents, Carers and SEND Students**

Friday 24 May will be my last day at Lord Lawson of Beamish Academy.

I would like to say a huge thank you to you all. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to work with you over the many years I have been here. I have loved supporting and being a part of your learning journey through our school.

As I move on to a new challenge at a school in Durham, I take with me so many wonderful memories of student achievements and humorous exchanges – all of which have made my role and time here so special! My heartfelt thanks to you for that.

I leave a fabulous SEND team, who will all continue to be part of your journey as you continue at Lord Lawson.

Once again, thank you all. And to my students, thank you for being amazing and remember to keep shining and achieving your goals!

*Mrs Nadine McCarthy*  
*Deputy SENDCO*

## **Half Term Maths Revision Sessions**

Maths revision sessions will run on Tuesday 28 May, from 10am to 12 noon, for foundation and higher students.

Places at these sessions are limited so I urge you to reserve a place by emailing me direct at: [djackson@lordlawson.academy](mailto:djackson@lordlawson.academy), giving me the name and tutor group of your child, by no later than Wednesday 22 May 2024.

Text messages will be sent to confirm a place has been allocated to your child.

*Mrs D Jackson*  
*Subject Leader – Mathematics*

## Year 11 Examination and Revision Schedule: Week commencing Monday 20 May 2024

Timings	Monday 20 May	Tuesday 21 May	Wednesday 22 May	Thursday 23 May	Friday 24 May
08:00 - 08:40 <b>Independent revision</b> - breakfast items will be provided	English Literature (paper 2)  EN10 - CBK EN11 - KB EN12 - SMY EN14 - BG EN15 - FR EN16 - LF EN17 - ARE EN19 - FC EN111 - SBS	Business (CNAT) BS39 - CWE  German Writing (Foundation and Higher) MFL32 - JCS	Combined Science (paper 2) SC20 - CD SC21 - SFR SC24 - EWR SC25 - SBR SC26 - LL SC27 - EC SC28 - CB SC29 - LCR AR15 - HN  Physics (paper 1) SC22 - JF	English Language (paper 1)  EN10 - CBK EN11 - KB EN12 - SMY EN13 - KK EN14 - BG EN15 - FR EN16 - LF EN17 - ARE EN19 - FC EN111 - SBS	French Writing: Foundation/Higher MFL36 - AMD
08:40 - 08:55 <b>Guided revision</b>					
Pre-exam routines	08:55 - 09:00 Line up outside the exam location 09:00 - 09:02 Exam tips talk 09:02 - 09:05 Enter the exam location 09:05 - 09:10 Exam talk by invigilator				
09:10 - Exam start	English Literature (paper 2) - 135/169 mins (169/52)	Business (CNAT) - 75/95 mins (13/7) German Writing: Foundation - 60/75 mins (5/1) German Writing: Higher - 75/95 mins (8/3)	Combined Science (paper 2) - 105/132 mins (150/47) Physics (paper 1): Foundation/Higher - 105/132 mins (22/6)	English Language (paper 1) - 105/132 mins (172/61)	French Writing: Foundation - 60 mins (9/0) French Writing: Higher - 75 mins (6/0)
10:10 - 10:30 - Break					
Arrangements after exam	105 mins - Go to café for late break (10:55 - 11:30) for the remainder of P2.  132 mins - Go to café for late break (11:25 - 11:45) then go to the remainder of P3.	60 mins - Normal break arrangements 75 mins - To go to café for late break (10:25 - 10:45) then go to the remainder of P2. 95 mins - To go to café for late break (10:45 - 11:05) then go to the remainder of P2.	105 mins - Go to café for late break (10:55 - 11:30) for the remainder of P2.  132 mins - Go to café for late break (11:25 - 11:45) then go to the remainder of P3.	105 mins - Go to café for late break (10:55 - 11:30) for the remainder of P2.  132 mins - Go to café for late break (11:25 - 11:45) then go to the remainder of P3.	60 mins - Normal break arrangements 75 mins - To go to café for late break (10:25 - 10:45) then go to the remainder of P2.
11:30 - 12:15 Revision session (changes to P3)	Sports Science COM31 - HT	Child Development COM10 - GP  Computer Science COM33 - RMY COM37 - ACL	Physical Education (paper 1) PE13 - DWE	N/A	N/A
12:15 - 12:57 Lunch					
Pre-exam routines	13:00 - 13:05 Line up outside the exam location 13:05 - 13:07 Exam tips talk 13:07 - 13:10 Enter the exam location 13:10 - 13:20 Exam invigilator talk				
13:10 - Exam start	Sports Science - 75/95 mins (22/5)  Turkish: Writing - 85 mins (1/0)	Child Development - 75/94 mins (23/2) Computer Science (paper 2) - 90/113 (22/7)	Physical Education (paper 1) - 75/94 mins (15/6)	N/A	N/A
Arrangements after exam	75/85/95 mins - To go to the remainder of P5	75/90/94 mins - To go to the remainder of P5. 113 mins - To go to the year base for the remainder of P5.	75/94 mins - To go to the remainder of P5.	N/A	N/A
15:20 Revision	Business (CNAT) BS39 - CWE  German Writing (Foundation and Higher) MFL32 - JCS  Child Development COM10 - GP  Computer Science COM33 - RMY COM37 - ACL	Combined Science (paper 2) SC20 - CD SC21 - SFR SC24 - EWR SC25 - SBR SC26 - LL SC27 - EC SC28 - CB SC29 - LCR AR15 - HN  Physics (paper 1) SC22 - JF  Physical Education (paper 1) PE13 - DWE	English Language (paper 1)  EN10 - CBK EN11 - KB EN12 - SMY EN13 - KK EN14 - BG EN15 - FR EN16 - LF EN17 - ARE EN19 - FC EN111 - SBS	French Writing: Foundation/Higher MFL36 - AMD	Mathematics (paper 2): Foundation/Higher MA20 - HBS MA21 - BC MA22 - FB MA23 - SSY MA24 - JDI MA25 - DJN MA26 - NSN MA27 - LR MA28 - JBM MA29 - SHE  Physical Education (paper 2) PE13 - DWE

## Year 13 Examination and Revision Schedule: Week commencing Monday 13 May 2024

Timings	Monday 20 May	Tuesday 21 May	Wednesday 22 May	Thursday 23 May	Friday 24 May
08:00 - 08:40 <b>Independent revision</b> - breakfast items will be provided	Sociology Adv (paper 1) PY38 - ARD	Business Adv (paper 2) BS31 - VN & CWE	Psychology Adv (paper 2) PY38 - ARD	History Adv (paper 1) HI32 - ATR  Biology As (paper 2) SC27 - EC	Physics Adv (paper 1) SC22 - JF
08:40 - 08:55 <b>Guided revision</b>					Physical Education Adv (paper 1) PE13 - DW  English Literature A Adv (paper 1) EN111 - SBS
Pre-exam routines	08:55 - 09:00 Line up outside the exam location 09:00 - 09:02 Exam tips talk 09:02 - 09:05 Enter the exam location 09:05 - 09:10 Exam talk by invigilator				
09:10 - Exam start	Sociology Adv (paper 1) - 120/150 mins (16/3)	Business Adv (paper 2) - 120 mins (25/0)	Psychology Adv (paper 2) - 120/150 mins (26/4)	History Adv (paper 1) - 150/188 mins (19/3)  Biology As (paper 2) - 90 mins (3/0)	Physics Adv (paper 1) - 120 mins (8/0)  Physical Education Adv (paper 1) - 120 mins (5/0)  English Literature A Adv (paper 1) - 180/225 (10/1)
<b>10:10 - 10:30 - Break</b>					
Arrangements after exam	120 mins - Go to the common room/ILC for late break (11:10 - 11:30) then go to P3 150 mins - Go to the common room/ILC for late break (11:40 - 12:00) then go to the remainder of P3	120 mins - Go to the common room/ILC for late break (11:10 - 11:30) then go to P3	120 mins - Go to the common room/ILC for late break (11:10 - 11:30) then go to P3 150 mins - Go to the common room/ILC for late break (11:40 - 12:00) then go to the remainder of P3	90 mins - Go to the common room/ILC for late break (10:40 - 11:00) then go to the remainder of P2 150 mins - Go to the common room/ILC for late break (11:40 - 12:00) then go to the remainder of P3 188 mins - Go to the common room/ILC for the remainder of P3	120 mins - Go to the common room/ILC for late break (11:10 - 11:30) then go to P3 180 mins - Go to the common room/ILC for the remainder of P3 225 mins - Go to the common room/ILC for a late lunch (12:55-13:40) then go to the remainder of P4
11:30 - 12:15 Revision session (changes to P3)	Health and Social Care: Anatomy and Physiology AR15 - HN	UK Politics RE31 - ACE	Health Psychology AR15 - HN  Further Mathematics Adv (paper 1) MA211 - KF  Physics As (paper 2) SC22 - JF	Mathematics As (paper 2) MA25 - DJ  English Language Adv (paper 1) EN12 - KK	Physics Adv (paper 1) SC22 - JF
<b>12:30 - 12:57 Lunch</b>					
Pre-exam routines	13:00 - 13:05 Line up outside the exam location 13:05 - 13:07 Exam tips talk 13:07 - 13:10 Enter the exam location 13:10 - 13:20 Exam invigilator talk				
13:10 - Exam start	Health and Social Care: Anatomy and Physiology - 120/150 mins (7/1)	Mandarin: Listening, Reading and Translate - 120 mins (1/0)  UK Politics - 120 mins (4/0)	Health Psychology - 120 mins (4/1)  Further Mathematics Adv (paper 1) - 120 mins (3/0)  Physics As (paper 2) - 90 mins (1/0)	Mathematics As (paper 2) - 90 mins (7/0)  English Language Adv (paper 1) - 150/188 (18/2)	Physics Adv (paper 1) - 120 mins (1/0)
Arrangements after exam	120 mins - Go to the common room/ILC for the remainder of P5 150 mins - The end of the school day; students to leave the school site	120 mins - Go to the common room/ILC for the remainder of P5	90 mins - To go to the remainder of P5. 120 mins - Go to the common room/ILC for the remainder of P5	90 mins - To go to the remainder of P5. 150/188 mins - The end of the school day; students to leave the school site	120 mins - Go to the common room/ILC for the remainder of P5

## Upcoming School Events for the Summer Term

At the beginning of every term we publish a list of upcoming school events in this bulletin. Some events, such as Parents' Evenings, will also be communicated separately via email or ClassCharts. Please ensure you look out for these. The events for the Summer Term are:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Tuesday 7 May to Wednesday 26 June:	GCSE and A Level External Examinations
<b>Friday 24 May:</b>	<b>Last day of school for staff and students – May half term begins Monday 27 May (Late Spring Bank Holiday). School reopens for all students on Monday 3 June.</b>
Wednesday 26 June:	Year 10 into year 12 Taster Day.
Wednesday 26 June:	Transition Evening for parents'/carers of pupils who will be joining us in September 2024.
Friday 28 June:	Year 11 Prom.
Saturday 29 June:	Year 13 Prom.
Monday 1 and Tuesday 2 July:	Year 6 Transition Days – for pupils who will be joining us in September 2024.
Monday 1 to Friday 5 July:	Year 12 Work Experience Week.
Wednesday 3 July:	Year 11 into year 12 Transition Day.
Monday 8 to Wednesday 10 July:	Year 12 – Life After Lord Lawson.
Monday 8 July:	Year 7 Awards Evening, 5.30 – 6.30pm.
Tuesday 9 July:	Year 8 Awards Evening, 5.30 – 6.30pm.
Wednesday 10 July:	Year 9 Awards Evening, 5.30 – 6.30pm.
Thursday 11 July:	Year 10 Awards Evening, 5.30 – 6.30pm.
Monday 15 July:	Sports Day – All students.
<b>Friday 19 July:</b>	<b>Last Day of Term for Staff and Students.</b>
<b>Thursday 15 August:</b>	<b>KS5 (A Level) Results Day.</b>
<b>Thursday 22 August:</b>	<b>KS4 (GCSE) Results Day.</b>