

12/05/22

Dear Parent / Guardian(s),

We are now at the end of the Level 2 pre-advanced Year at Varndean College and rapidly approaching the Summer Exam Series.

I am writing to relay important guidance on key exam dates and how you can further support the young person in your care to utilise these significant opportunities.

### **My Varndean**

Every student can access their individualised exam timetable via 'My Varndean' and the exams area. It is the student's responsibility to review this timetable and identify the exam location ahead of the final exam date. The date and time of assessments cannot be moved, these are the final exams. If they have any concerns or questions regarding this they should speak to their Personal Tutor ahead of their exam.

### **GCSE Maths and GCSE English Examination Dates**

#### **GCSE Maths**

Maths Paper 1 (Non – Calculator)	20/05/22	9.00
Maths Paper 2 (Calculator)	07/06/22	9.00
Maths Paper 3 (Calculator)	13/06/22	9.00

#### **GCSE English**

English Paper 1	18/05/22	9.00
English Paper 2	10/06/22	9.00

**The details of Functional English, Pre-GCSE Maths and Vocational courses with an exam will be listed on students 'My Varndean' page.**

### **Exam Behaviour and Guidance**

- Students will need to be outside their exam room 15 minutes prior to the start.
- If a student arrives late they may not be able to access their exam.
- Students must bring their student ID/photographic ID to all of their exams.
- Students are expected to bring pens in a clear pencil case to the exam room and the maths equipment (i.e. calculator) that they require.
- Students are only permitted water in a clear drinking bottle.
- All students will be in silence on arrival to the exam room. Students must remain in silence throughout the exam.
- No mobile phones or watches are allowed in the exam room. If a student does bring a mobile phone into College they will be asked to hand this into the Registry ahead of the exam.
- Students can find out the information regarding exam rooms via their 'My Varndean Page – under timetables – exam timetables' and every student will need to check this in advance.
- Student can find the full 'IFC Written Examinations Guidance' on Varndean College website [www.varndean.ac.uk](http://www.varndean.ac.uk)

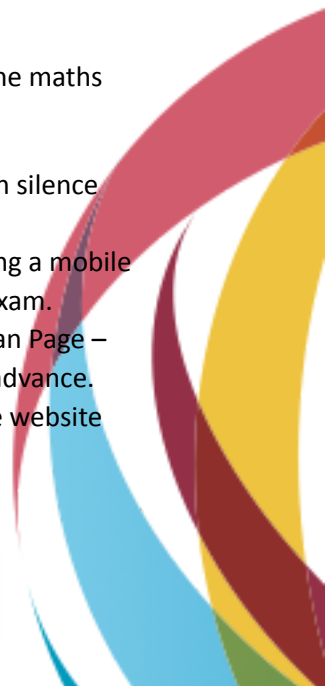
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### **Revision Guidance**

Students are able to access Google Classroom which will hold details of revision resources, past papers and previous marked work to guide with feedback.

### **Progression Criteria**

As we approach the end of the academic year it is also important to recognise that students are in the process of exploring progression opportunities. Students have been advised to book a Careers appointment via [careers@varndean.ac.uk](mailto:careers@varndean.ac.uk) to access further support and guidance. All Level 2 students who wish to progress to Level 3 studies at Varndean College in September 2022 will need to meet the following criteria:

- Good Attendance Record
- Merits in Vocational Studies (CTEC / BTEC qualifications)
- Grade 4 in GCSE English / Maths
- Good Teacher / Tutor References
- Good effort grades on reports.
- Students on any Amber / Red status should have demonstrated significant progress in meeting their set targets.

This criteria is in place to not only help motivate students to achieve well this year but also because we recognise the academic demand of Advanced Level/Level 3 qualifications and the skills required to achieve.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this process or student progress please do not hesitate to get in touch with their Tutor or myself.

Wishing every student the very best of luck during this assessment period.

Yours Faithfully,



George Marshall

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