



**Our Overview newsletters contain the key information you'll need each term.**

Briefing on curriculum content, extra-curricular opportunities, current school messages and more, parents and carers can use this outline to support students and help them succeed at school.

## Learning

### CURRICULUM REVISION

Year 11 students now move to revision in all subjects. We thank all parents and carers for helping students to maximise revision potential at home to support all the revision they are doing in school.

### STUDY LEAVE

A polite reminder that there is no study leave, and students will be expected in school throughout the exam period. We will soon be issuing a new timetable to students that includes masterclasses and timetabling of where to be around their exams. Students need to always come prepared with revision materials each day: preferably in paper/revision guide form.

### MESSAGES FROM THE SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

We are at the final stretch now in the run up to exams. Students have been reminded about the importance of good sleep and balancing their attention on all their subjects. I would like to thank you for your support, not only over the last few months in the lead up to this exam period, but over the last 5 years. There is a feeling of determination about Year 11 at the moment, and in 4 months' time, they will be reaping the successes of their hard work. Please do get in touch if you have any questions or concerns about the exams.

#### Mr O'Neill

Head of Key Stage 4

As your child comes into the final stages of your exam preparation, I wanted to wish them, and you, the very best over this busy period. The students are very well prepared; teachers have been working hard to guide students on how to revise at home, alongside continuing to teach them right up until the exams. A wealth of websites and materials are there to use, however if you or your child needs support, then please do get in touch with individual teachers or the pastoral team. In the next couple of weeks, we will be sharing the impact timetable that guides everyone through the logistics of the exam period; this will include masterclasses, revision sessions, and timings around exams. As ever, if you have any queries, please let us know. We look forward to celebrating with Year 11 on Leavers Day, at the Year 11 Ball, and on Results Day.

#### Mr Speke

Headteacher

## Useful Links

School Website: [Careers](#) | [Exams Office](#)

Revision Resources [Padlet](#)

Post-16 Choices [Padlet](#)

Adviza Careers [Portal](#)

## Key Contacts

Head of Key Stage 4: **Mr M O'Neill**

KS4 Student Wellbeing Managers: **Miss R David**

**Ms L Higgins**

Assistant Head, Personal Development: **Mr J Clelland**

## News

School Website: [Home page](#)

Facebook: [@fitzharrysschool](#)

Instagram: [fitzharrys](#)

X: [@fitzharrys](#)

## Queries

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to [contact](#) the school.

Main school office email: [office.4127@fitzharrys.school](mailto:office.4127@fitzharrys.school) | Phone: **01235 520698**

# Aspiration

## REVISION REMINDERS

Find key resources on our **Revision** webpage: <https://www.fitzharrys.oxon.sch.uk/students/revision/> including:

- **Preparation Guidance PDF for Y11 final exams**, containing information on how to prepare for every subject [https://www.fitzharrys.oxon.sch.uk/assets/STUDENTS/Y11-Final-Exam-Preparation\\_v2.pdf](https://www.fitzharrys.oxon.sch.uk/assets/STUDENTS/Y11-Final-Exam-Preparation_v2.pdf)  
Students have been given a hard copy of this document.
- **Exams Preparation Video Guides** will be uploaded to the Revision webpage in the near future, including:
  - Head of Year messages – including a timeline of events
  - Exam season planning – detailing the processes around the exams including masterclasses, exam briefings, and where to be when.
  - How to revise for English
  - How to revise for Maths
  - How to revise for Science
  - Revision resources overview
  - Wellbeing around exams

## EXAM DATES

Further to our **Exams Timetable**, please also save the dates of the **Exam Contingency Days**: these are timetabled for the afternoons of Thursday 6th June and Thursday 13th June, as well as all day on Wednesday 26th June 2024. Contingency days are designed to be used in the event of national or significant local disruption to examinations.

## PERIOD 6 STUDY SUPPORT

A reminder that Key Stage 4 students are welcome to use the upper school space in East block after school to revise or complete homework. There are computers, revision guides and exam past papers to aid study.

# Opportunity

## LEAVERS' HOODIES & YEARBOOK

Visit <https://www.boomedsales.com/fitzharrys-school-2024> for details on how to order Leavers Hoodies and the Yearbook. **Deadline** for ordering is 10<sup>th</sup> May.

## LEAVERS' EVENTS – SAVE THE DATES!

- Leavers' Assembly: Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June
- Year 11 Prom: Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July
- Results Day: Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August

# Integrity

## UNIFORM

Students can choose to wear our optional summer uniform during Terms 5-6; full details on our **Uniform** webpage. The summer uniform options include a blue school-logo polo shirt and tailored shorts. If students decide not to wear the summer uniform, they should remain in shirt, tie and blazer. We politely remind students that, as always, they should not wear hooded jumpers to school, and they should continue to wear formal school shoes, not trainers. We understand that new school shoes can be expensive and are keen to assist parents with any concerns around this. If your child's formal shoes are not likely to last until the end of the school year, they are welcome to borrow some from our stores. Please contact your child's tutor to organise this. Many thanks for your continued support.

## EASTER EVENT

Thank you to the Year 11 students who assisting in the running our Year 7 Easter Scavenger Hunt. It was a well-attended event and the Year 7s had great fun.

## WELLBEING WELCOME

In Term 4, we welcomed our fantastic new Student Wellbeing Manager, Lisa Higgins, who has joined the KS4 team. Lisa has already made a brilliant impact and will be working alongside Mr O'Neill and Miss David to support Year 11 students in this final stretch, to make sure that they are finding balance and staying happy and healthy throughout the exam period.

## THE WELLBEING HUB

We are pleased to be able to introduce free access for parents to The Wellbeing Hub by Teen Tips. This online platform is crafted with expertise in child and adolescent mental health, offering resources to support your child's social and emotional wellbeing. Benefits include audio/video courses, weekly resources (podcasts, articles, tips), live monthly Q&As with psychotherapists, career advice, and a comprehensive and evolving Q&A library. Additionally, there are self-care resources, member offers, and access to expert webinars on various topics. You will have access to resources which are made for parents as the target audience.

You can find a Guided Video Tour of The Wellbeing Hub for Parents here:

<https://vimeo.com/818403262/d7891fd5a3?share=copy>, and a Visual Guide linked here:

<https://club.teentips.co.uk/app/uploads/2023/04/Parent-Guide-The-Wellbeing-Hub.pdf>

To sign up as a parent, please use this link:

<https://club.teentips.co.uk/register/parents/?ca=b0b22db7c0c44f6ebbe4c320c6fb6ec5>

Pupils were recently introduced to the platform in school. They can access age-specific resources, including educational films, blogs, and career guidance. For any queries, contact [info@teentips.co.uk](mailto:info@teentips.co.uk) and [dwhitley@fitzharrys.school](mailto:dwhitley@fitzharrys.school). We hope The Wellbeing Hub enriches your family's experience and look forward to your feedback.

## Key Dates

Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Y11 Exams: BTEC Music Practice Exam
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Y11 Exams: GCSE Art
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April – Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Y11 Exams: MFL Speaking Exams
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	BANK HOLIDAY (school closed)
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Y11 Exams: Exam period – various subjects – see <a href="#">Exams Timetable</a>
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Last day of Term 5 – school closes at 3.15pm
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	HALF TERM
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Start of Term 6 (Week A)