



BELFAST MODEL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

Principal: Ms P Stuart, B. Ed, PQH NI, M. Ed

Dear Parent / Carer,

Year 12 Home School Study (HSS) Programme 2022

As you are no doubt aware, GCSE Public Examinations commence for our Year 12 students from Friday 13th May 2022, the timetable for which has been given to your daughter, and is posted on the school website in the 'Be Exam Ready' section.

HSS Programme Phase 1: In recent weeks, during Phase 1, Core PE, Core Religious Studies and Careers became supervised study sessions rather than taught classes enabling your daughter to undertake independent revision with the support of a teacher. This is the equivalent of up to 3½ hours per week of supervised study. All other timetabled lessons continued as normal during this phase.

HSS Programme Phase 2: Once Public Examinations commence on Friday 13th May, Phase 2 begins whereby special revision sessions are timetabled to support your daughter prior to specific examinations, as detailed on the timetable. These revision sessions are compulsory and take priority over normal timetabled lessons. All other timetabled lessons continue as normal.

To support our students through this phase, we have built in some study time at home. We hope this will further support your daughter, not only to cope more effectively with the demands of the examination season that can affect them both academically and personally, but also to feel recharged and prepared to continue to present their best throughout the exam period and during normal timetabled lessons.

Study time at home has been timetabled as follows:

Friday 20th May: Year 12 study day at home

Tuesday 24th May: Year 12 students may go home at 11.30am after the GCSE Maths examination.

HSS Programme Phase 3: This phase will commence from Monday 30th May. From this date, your daughter has the opportunity to undertake the part home, part school study phase of the programme, which offers not only support in school, but also gives your daughter time for private, quiet study at home. During this phase your daughter is no longer required to attend school each day, unless she has a timetabled Revision Session or Public Examination.

During this phase:

- if a student has a morning exam, she should arrive at school ready for a 9.00am start, to attend a focused revision session with her subject teacher prior to the examination.
- if a student has an afternoon exam, she should arrive at school ready for a 12.35pm start, to attend a focused revision session with her subject teacher prior to the examination.
- additional special revision lessons are arranged for all subjects either the afternoon or morning before an examination or on some occasions, a few days before due to upcoming Bank Holidays in June.
- there is no registration period as attendance will be monitored in every revision class/examination.
- the Dunowen Dining Centre is still available from 8.00am for revision, should you need to send your daughter into school at that time.
- free bottled water is provided for students during examinations.
- in-school study rooms are available throughout the day for your daughter to work in if, for example, she is required in school for a morning examination and an afternoon revision session and a journey home is not practical between those times.





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A reminder that during this phase, your daughter does remain on the school roll. Therefore, normal attendance procedures apply. If she is due into school for a revision session and is ill, then a note or phone call will be required to explain the absence. In the case of examinations, it is a requirement of the EXAMINATION BOARDS that your daughter would require a doctor's note to explain *to the Board* why she did not sit that exam. Failure to present a doctor's note will almost certainly lead to a 'U' grade and you could become responsible for the exam entry fee.

To give your daughter permission to study at home during Phase 2 and 3, please complete the permission slip attached and return to her Form Tutor no later than **Thursday 12th May 2022**. Your daughter does not have to avail of these opportunities to study at home. She may of course remain in school during the times, where a supervised study place will be made available for her.

If you would like clarification on any aspect of the Year 12 Home School Study Programme, please do contact your daughter's Leader of Learning Pastoral Mrs Rodgers or her Assistant Mrs Kelly.

I look forward to a successful revision and examination season and excellent outcomes for all of our students sitting examinations this summer in pursuit of ***Achievement for All***.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S Jackson

Senior Leader of Learning KS4

I give / do not give* my daughter _____ Form _____
permission to leave early as indicated on her Easter School timetable. I confirm that I have arranged transport home for her. (*delete as necessary)

Signed _____ Date _____

