



Dear Parent/Carer

It is a very busy time in school at the moment, with mock exams and assessments taking place in a range of subjects. There have also been a range of events during and after the school day, all of which demonstrate our commitment to a challenging, broad and balanced experience for all.

## SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS

A round of mocks have just been completed for Y11 and Y10 students. In most cases these take place in a formal setting and are administered exactly as a formal public examination would be. New specification GCSE's are much more demanding and last longer and require long periods of concentration and extended writing. We think, therefore it is extremely important that our students experience what this is like and practice as much as possible, to give them the best chance to do well when it comes to the real thing.

The Y11's are having a reduced mock examination experience, week commencing 25th February 2019, for one week only, this is to enable us to optimise their revision experience in lessons in preparation for the rapidly approaching, challenging summer examinations.

Parents/carers can support in a number of ways. We all know exams can be a stressful time and noting this and taking a keen interest certainly helps. Teaching staff and our website provide lots of revision tips/ideas, which you can follow at home. Simply helping with organisation and providing a quiet place to work makes a real difference, as does suitable reward for trying hard.

If you do have any questions about mock exams or revision, please get in touch with your child's teacher for the relevant subject.

## GOVERNORS' AWARDS

It is our first governor's awards of this academic year, which are sponsored by and take place at Cineworld Sheffield on Monday, 11th February. This is a fabulous event where members of the governing body and Trust Board, along with staff celebrate the achievements of our students in a wide range of categories. These include awards for achievement, effort, community, overcoming adversity and culminates in Y11 students being honoured on the wall of fame.

If you are fortunate to be attending, I look forward to seeing you there.

## MULTI ACADEMY TRUST DEVELOPMENTS

Several months ago we outlined proposals for Winterhill School and Wingfield Academy to form a Multi Academy Trust. Following a period of informal collaboration Trustees and Governors of both schools have agreed to continue to work together informally rather than pursue a formal partnership approved by the department for Education. This decision will not impact on the future of either school and each school will continue to operate as individual organisations but will work together on identified aspects of teaching and learning to share best practice to support all young people to achieve their very best.

## CONTACT DETAILS

In-line with the new behaviour system and to keep up-to-date generally, it is vitally important that Winterhill has the correct contact information for your son/daughter. Please get in touch with school to provide your most up to date mobile number and e-mail address.

## UPCOMING EVENTS at WINTERHILL

<b>Wednesday, 30th January</b>	Y9 parent's evening
<b>Thursday, 7th February</b>	Intermediate Maths challenge
<b>Monday, 11th February</b>	Governors' awards
<b>Wednesday, 13th February</b>	Y8 option's evening
<b>Friday, 15th February</b>	<b>School closes for half term</b>
<b>Monday, 25th February</b>	<b>INSET DAY - school closed to STUDENTS</b>
<b>Tuesday, 26th February</b>	<b>School re-opens to STAFF and STUDENTS</b>
<b>Tuesday, 12th March</b>	Y10 parent's evening
<b>Tuesday, 19th March</b>	Students finish at 1.15pm*
<b>Wednesday, 3rd April</b>	Y11 parent's evening
<b>Wednesday, 10th April</b>	CPA awards evening
<b>Friday, 12th April</b>	<b>School closes for Easter</b>
<b>Monday, 29th April</b>	<b>School re-opens to STAFF and STUDENTS</b>

*\*Arrangements can be made to supervise your child until 2.50pm by contacting your child's Behaviour for Learning Leader.*

If you would like to contact me, please email **Julie Parkin** [jparkin@winterhill.org.uk](mailto:jparkin@winterhill.org.uk)  
Headteachers' PA to make an appointment.

Thank you for your continued support S Rhodes - Headteacher