

March 2025

Dear Y13 Students,

Your Year 13 Leavers' Celebration

We are delighted to invite all Year 13 students to join us to celebrate your time with us at New College Doncaster. This will take place on **Friday 23 May at 12.30pm** in the Sports Hall. As well as presenting Year 13 Awards, we're also looking forward to sharing memories of the last two years and special messages from your teachers and Progress Tutors. We hope you can join us.

Any students in lessons during PERIOD 2 will be released by their teachers at 12.15pm.

Easter Revision Sessions

A number of extra revision sessions are being delivered for students over the Easter Break. For your information, a full list of all available sessions can be viewed here: <https://bit.ly/NCDEasterRevision>

Lessons after Half Term

Formal lessons for Year 13 finish on the last day of half term – Friday 23 May. After half term, your teachers will continue to be available at your timetabled lesson times right up to the date of your last exam for that subject for additional support and revision. I'd like to strongly encourage you to take full advantage of this opportunity in the final weeks of your studies, and some of your teachers may specifically ask you to attend at certain times.

Exam Timetables

Shortly before the exam, your Exam Timetable on Cedar will show the room that you are taking your exam in and your seat number. Please check Cedar regularly to ensure that you know your room, seat number and candidate number before you arrive at the exam room.

Good Luck with your Final Exams

We are now firmly in the final exam window and we want to wish you the very best of luck. The year groups that came before you achieved fantastic results and we know that you will too. I know you'll continue to work hard right through until your final exam.

To help feel calm and confident, remember:

- Get plenty of sleep, not just the night before your exam, but from now until all your exams are over
- Don't forget the positive effect that exercise and diet can have on your physical and mental health.
- Keep the sugar and caffeine low, keep the water intake high
- Keep to a focused and manageable revision plan throughout your exams, using the revision strategies you've developed over the last two years
- Remember that you know what to expect – you've done two sets of mock exams already and you know how it will all work. There will be no surprises in terms of how the exams will work or the content you will be examined on
- Please talk to your Progress Tutor or your teachers if you need any extra support, or if you have any concerns

Student Exam Handbook

The Exams Office have put together some essential information for exam candidates, if you have not already done so, it is important that you take time to read the college's Student Exam Handbook.

This is available on the Students' SharePoint Hub and on the 'Exams Office' page on our website:

<https://ncdoncaster.ac.uk/exams-office/>

The handbook can also be accessed directly here: <https://bit.ly/NCDEExamHandbook>

Please take a moment to review the important information in this guide, including what you are/aren't allowed to take into the exam room and what to expect on the day of your exam.

We have every confidence in you and what you can achieve.

Good luck!



Helen Jackson
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