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Dear parents and carers

The GCSE exams have got off to a really good start with our 11s generally coping very well with the expectations, and feeling positive about the papers they have sat. To ensure things continue to go as smoothly as possible for them, please can you **reinforce these four regulations with your young person at home**, and we will do the same here:

1. Our normal dress code of **full school uniform IS REQUIRED**; students will be refused entry to the exam if they are not wearing the correct attire. This includes blazer and proper shoes.
2. Students should **leave their personal possessions such as bags, coats, phones and watches in their LOCKER before they arrive at the exam**. A locker was allocated to every student in the year group so if your young person doesn't currently use theirs and can't remember which one it is, they should see Mrs Topp in the Hub and she will sort this out really quickly with them. They will need to bring a small combination padlock in with them, available from many shops such as Robert Dyas and WH Smiths.
3. Students should **arrive at least 10 minutes before the start time** of the exam so that everyone can be seated quickly for a prompt start. **Delays increase anxiety for other students**.
4. Water bottles must be, by JCQ rules, **free of any writing/symbols/logo**. Plastic bottles like Highland Spring or Buxton with the label removed, or refillable ones that are COMPLETELY clear, are suitable.

Do please contact the Hub, Tutor or Subject Teacher if you have any questions about the exam arrangements.

#### Useful Links

[Where to Be, Day by Day](#)

[All GCSE Exam Dates](#)

[Carrington Exam Candidate Handbook](#)

Best wishes

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