



RE: Year 11 GCSE Exams

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you all enjoyed a restful Easter holiday. A big well done to the many Year 11 students who attended school over the holidays, either to a subject session or to the independent study room to complete their own revision, it has been great to see their positive work ethic and determination to succeed.

As we near the final weeks before the GCSE examinations officially commence, I understand that nerves may be setting in, with both students and parents feeling a heightened sense of pressure and worry. Whilst these feelings are completely normal at this time of year, please be assured that we have an extensive plan of support for Year 11 to continue to guide and encourage them as they navigate their way through these final few weeks.

Firstly, as mentioned in my previous letter, all Year 11 lessons will take place as usual between now and Friday 26th May as students still have key knowledge to recap and exam technique to go over with their teachers; therefore, expectations for student attendance remain as normal and attendance procedures will continue to be applied. Those final lessons, including the additional pre-exam warm up sessions before the exams, are invaluable and therefore it is vital that students do not disadvantage themselves by not attending. I have attached a copy of the bespoke plan of where and when these additional sessions will be taking place. It is also worth reminding you that the revision timetable for morning, lunchtime and after-school sessions will continue to run as normal this half term too. It can be [found here](#).

Secondly, from Monday 5th June, we will be giving Year 11 students the option of only attending school for their scheduled exams. However, in order to provide more bespoke and structured support for our students throughout the entirety of the exam period, we will also continue to deliver additional 'final top tips' sessions and pre-exam briefings both in the mornings and afternoons to best prepare Year 11, helping them to feel more confident and motivated.

For all exams commencing at 8.45am, all students sitting that exam should attend the Main Hall from 8.15am for an 'Exam Warm Up'. This will be led by either the Subject Leader or Head of Faculty and will offer some final top tips in exam technique. Subject staff will also attend these sessions to help answer any last-minute queries or to simply offer pastoral support and calm nerves, before walking students over to the exam hall. This offer will continue throughout the entire exam period with attendance being compulsory as registration for the exam will also be taking place. Whilst the overall timetable for examinations can be [found here](#), students will be receiving their own copies this week.

I really hope that we can work together to ensure that students take advantage of all that is on offer to them throughout the exam period. It is worth reminding students that throughout this period, expectations around behaviour and uniform remain firmly in place. As a cohort, this Year 11 group have been absolutely excellent in their conduct and manner, so we would certainly hope that none of our students would want to jeopardise their place at Prom and other Leavers' events at this point in the year.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'E Feast'.

Mrs E Feast
Deputy Headteacher

Date	GCSE Exams AM 8.45am	Support Session		GCSE Exams PM 1pm	Final Revision Session
Monday 15 th May	Religious Studies Paper 1	8.15am 'Exam Warm Up' in the Main Hall.		Drama	Period 3 – Drama, Mrs Richards A217 After-school – Biology drop-in E308
Tuesday 16 th May	Biology Paper 1	8.15am 'Exam Warm Up' in the Main Hall.		German Listening and Reading Media Studies	Period 3 – German support, Ms McQuillan L206 Period 3 – Media, Miss Lorenzelli, B206 Period 5 – English Literature <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11X classes: go to English lesson as normal • 11Y classes: Main Hall
Wednesday 17 th May	English Literature Paper 1	8.15am 'Exam Warm Up' in the Main Hall.		GCSE PE	Period 3 – PE, Mr Mason, Main Hall Period 5 – History, Main Hall Miss Sykes, Mr McNally, Mr Wilde
Thursday 18 th May	History Paper 1 (Crime and Punishment)	8.15am 'Exam Warm Up' in the Main Hall.		Investigating Small Business Chinese Reading/Listening	Period 3 – Business, Main Hall, Mrs Worrall, Mr Hayes, Miss Kenyon Period 5 – Maths (Rooms TBC)
Friday 19 th May	Maths Paper 1 (non calc)	8.15am 'Exam Warm Up' in the Main Hall.		Psychology Computer Science	Period 3 – Psychology, Main Hall Mrs Jennings Period 3 – Computer Science, Room TBC After-school – Chemistry drop-in, E313

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Monday 22nd May	Chemistry Paper 1	8.15am 'Exam Warm Up' in the Main Hall.		Geography	Period 3 – Geography, Main Hall Mr Iddon, Mr Barnett, Mr Harman Period 5 – French, Main Hall Mrs Keeping, Miss Leigh
Tuesday 23rd May	French Reading/Listening	8.15am 'Exam Warm Up' in the Main Hall.		Religious Studies Paper 2	Period 3 – RS, A206, Miss Basset-Mahon Period 5 – English Literature <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I1Y classes: go to English as normal • I1X classes: Main Hall
Wednesday 24th May	English Lit Paper 2	8.15am 'Exam Warm Up' in the Main Hall.		Media Studies	Period 3 – Media, Miss Lorenzelli, A201 After-school – Physics drop-in, E315
Thursday 25th May	Physics	8.15am 'Exam Warm Up' in the Main Hall.		Computer Science	Period 3 – Computer Science, B210, Mrs McCormick Period 5 – German students attend German lesson as normal
Friday 26 th May	German Writing	8.15am 'Exam Warm Up' in the Library.		Psychology Chinese Writing	Period 3 – Psychology, Main Hall Mrs Wagstaff, Mrs Jennings

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Monday 5 th June	English Language Paper 1	8.15am 'Exam Warm Up' in the Main Hall.		French Writing	Period 3 – French, Mrs Keeping, Miss Leigh, S202 Periods 3 and 4 – Spanish, Miss Moreno, L106
Tuesday 6 th June	Spanish Listening and Reading	8.15am 'Exam Warm Up' in the Library.			Afternoon Maths Support TBC
Wednesday 7 th June	Maths Paper 2	8.15am 'Exam Warm Up' in the Main Hall.		History (Superpower/Elizabethan)	Period 3 – History, Main Hall, Miss Sykes, Mr Wilde Periods 3/4 – Further Maths support for those not doing History (plan TBC)
Thursday 8 th June	Further Maths Paper 1 Russian Listening/Reading	8.15am 'Exam Warm Up' in the Main Hall.			Period 5 – Geography support, A218/A217 Mr Iddon, Miss Dixon
Friday 9 th June	Geography Paper 2	8.15am 'Exam Warm Up' in the Main Hall.		Biology	Period 3 – Biology, E308, Ms Farmer, Mr O'Flynn

A reminder that all students must be available on the afternoon of Thursday 8th June as this is a national exam contingency day.

Date	GCSE Exams AM 8.45am	Support Session		GCSE Exams PM 1pm	Final Revision Session
Monday 12 th June	English Language Paper 2	8.15am 'Exam Warm Up' in the Main Hall.		Business	Period 3 – Business, Main Hall, Mrs Worrall, Miss Kenyon After-school – Chemistry drop-in, E313
Tuesday 13 th June	Chemistry Paper 2	8.15am 'Exam Warm Up' in the Main Hall.		Spanish Writing	Period 3 – Spanish, L106, Ms Moreno Period 3 and 4 – Maths drop-in, TBC
Wednesday 14 th June	Maths Paper 3	8.15am 'Exam Warm Up' in the Main Hall.		Music	Period 3 – Music, D104, Dr McCombs Periods 3 and 4 – History, Main Hall, Miss Sykes and Mr Wilde
Thursday 15 th June	History (Weimar/Nazi Germany)	8.15am 'Exam Warm Up' in the Main Hall.			After-school – Physics drop-in, E315
Friday 16 th June	Physics Paper 2	8.15am 'Exam Warm Up' in the Main Hall.		Geography Paper 3	Period 3 – Geography, Main Hall, Mr Iddon, Mr Harman, Miss Dixon

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Monday 19 th June	Design Technology Russian Writing	8.15am 'Exam Warm Up' in the Library .			Periods 3 and 4 – Dance, Miss Finnigan, E105
Tuesday 20 th June	Dance	8.15am 'Exam Warm Up' in the Library .			Periods 3 and 4 – Catering, Mrs Deane, B202
Wednesday 21 st June	Hospitality and Catering	8.15am 'Exam Warm Up' in the Library .		Further Maths	Period 3 – Further Maths, TBC

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