



RE: Year 11 GCSE Exams

Dear parents/carers,

I would like to extend my sincere thanks for your continued support throughout the examination period so far. We have been incredibly proud of all Year 11 students for their continuous hard work and effort, conducting themselves maturely and responsibly for each exam they have taken.

As you will know from my previous correspondence, today is the last official day for Year 11 to be in all lessons as their study leave begins. From Monday 5th June, we will be giving Year 11 students the option of only attending school for their scheduled exams and pre-arranged revision sessions as per the support timetable (I have included the final few weeks of support on the back of this letter). Despite using the term 'study leave', we will 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. Should students have an afternoon exam, but no transport other than the morning school bus, they are welcome to complete silent study in the library provided they are respectful of the behaviour expectations for this space. If using the library, they will also need to ensure they sign in and out at the main desk for safeguarding purposes. The main canteen will be available for them at the usual break and lunch times, but should their exam clash with these times, we would suggest that students bring a snack and plenty of water with them.

The May half term will offer a welcome 'breather' for students after what has been a fairly intense start to their GCSE exam season; however, it is also crucial that they make the most of this time to revise and prepare themselves for the remainder of their exams. To make the most of the break and get on top of revision to support confidence when approaching the final exams, we strongly advise all our students to plan a thorough revision timetable which allows for an average of 5 hours of revision per day, split into manageable chunks of 30–45-minute sessions. This can help to ensure a bit of balance and help our students to avoid 'burn out'. Should students require a new blank revision timetable to help them plan their days, this can be found on the KS4 [Revision webpage](#). Of course, we recognise that the exam season has been tiring and challenging, so finding a reasonable balance of work and rest over half term is important, but equally we want them to make the most of time available to them, remembering that Year 11 will enjoy a very long summer rest and well-deserved break post exams.

A few top tips to support revision over the break:

1. Ensure students are aware of which papers they have sat and will sit next to allow them to focus on relevant content only (i.e., Paper 1 or Paper 2 content for some exams). Their teacher will have specified this for them via Satchel One and classroom notes.
2. Try to place more emphasis on revision at the start of the day when students are arguably feeling fresher, and of course this gets the work out of the way early on, giving them free time later in the day.
3. Ensure that revision is taking place in a suitable environment free from distractions (i.e., at the kitchen table, no phone or music on, lots of natural light).
4. Ensure students have all of the resources they need in advance (i.e., remind them to print off past papers and resources in school, particularly if they do not have access to a printer at home).

Staff will be providing lots of revision-specific materials via Satchel One which will form the basis of support and preparation over half term, in addition to Tassomai, Senaca and PinPoint learning.

In addition to the support materials and advice provided, we will be inviting some students into school over the break. If your child has been invited to a particular session, we kindly ask for your support in ensuring that they attend (separate letters have been sent from Heads of Faculty).

Date	Subject	Time	Venue
Tuesday 30 th May	Maths (Higher) *invite session*	9–12.30pm	A114
Tuesday 30 th May	Maths (Foundation) *invite session*	9–12.30pm	A117
Thursday 1 st June	History (Paper 2 focus)	12.45–2.15pm	A114
Friday 2 nd June	English Language (Invite and open)	9.15–12pm	Main Hall/ A block classrooms

Students attending are welcome to come in their own clothes, and bring water and a snack with them should they wish to do so. All sessions will take place in A block, so we ask that students enter the school site via Main Reception, making sure they sign in and out.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with Mr Scott, Mr Horne or myself should you have any general queries with regards to the exam period.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs E Feast
Deputy Headteacher

Date	GCSE Exams AM 8.45am	Support Session		GCSE Exams PM 1pm	Session
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.			Period 5 – Afternoon Maths Support Will be emailed.
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 IIXIA – E212 IYYIA – E101
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 Afterschool 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 4 – Maths drop-in, rooms will be emailed
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.			Afterschool 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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Date	GCSE Exams AM 8.45am	Support Session		GCSE Exams PM 1pm	Final Revision Session
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	Periods 1–3 – Further Maths, 11X1A, E212 11Y1A, E101

A reminder that all students need to remain available on 28th June as this is the national exam contingency day.