



Wednesday 7th May 2025

Dear parent/carer,

Subject: Year 11 GCSE Examinations 2025

I am writing to provide you with final information regarding the upcoming GCSE exams. This is a crucial time for all of our pupils, and we want to ensure they are well-supported and prepared for these assessments. We also appreciate that the examination period can be extremely stressful, and it is important that your child speaks to us if they are struggling, so we can maximise the support we offer.

School Day during the Examination Period

- Your child will be expected to be in school as normal during the examination period.
- Morning examinations start at 9am and afternoon examinations start at 1pm. They cannot be late for these.
- If they do not have an examination, they will be expected to attend lessons as normal. However, there will be focused revision sessions throughout the examination period to ensure your child arrives at each examination focused and as prepared as possible.
- They should be in full uniform throughout (as is our usual practice); pupils will be advised if it is a non-blazer day due to extreme heat. Please note that leavers' hoodies arrive the week commencing 19th May and may be worn around school once they have been distributed to pupils, however, they must be removed for any examination due to external examination regulations. No other hoodies will be permitted, as per our uniform policy.
- There will be a leavers' assembly on the afternoon of Friday 13th June after the science examination. After this date, pupils will only be expected to be in school if they have an examination.

Exam Timetable:

- The complete GCSE exam timetable and additional helpful information can be found on the school website, which will be regularly updated. This information is available at: [Exam Information](#).
- Pupils will have received their own personalised exam timetable and are reminded to check this carefully and to arrive at the designated locations on time for each exam.
- If there is any unforeseen emergency, which means your child may be late for an examination, please contact us as a matter of urgency so we can support; otherwise, your child may be at risk of losing their grade for that examination
- GCSE examinations cannot be moved for individuals and must be sat at the designated time, as these are national, standardised assessments.
- Please note that there are **Contingency Dates** on the official examination timetable. Whilst it is unlikely, any examinations could be moved to any date up to and including the 25th June, 2025. **Your child must be available up to the 25th June, 2025.**





Exam Procedures:

- Mobile phones and other electronic devices are **strictly prohibited** during the exam period. If a pupil is found with a phone or other prohibited device on them during an examination, even if by accident, then this will need to be reported to the awarding body, and they would be at severe risk of losing the mark for that examination.
- Pupils must remain in the examination room for the entire duration of the examination. If a pupil walks out, they are at severe risk of losing the mark for that examination.
- Pupils are expected to maintain a high level of conduct throughout the exam period, including during breaks and in the exam hall. They must not communicate with friends from the moment they enter the examination room.
- Should they require any assistance during an exam, they should raise their hand respectfully, and the invigilator team will support them.
- Pupils should inform the school of any medical or other extenuating circumstances that may affect their ability to complete an exam.

Study Support:

- We encourage pupils to utilise the resources available to them, including after-school [Revision Sessions](#), online resources which will be placed on Google Classroom, and the support of their teachers.
- We also encourage parents/carers to create a supportive and conducive study environment at home.
- Pupils are reminded to prioritise their wellbeing and ensure they are getting adequate sleep and eating healthy meals.

Exam Results:

- GCSE results will be released on Thursday, 21st August, and pupils will be able to collect their results at school from 8.30am. Further information about this will follow in a separate letter.

We are here to support our pupils throughout this crucial period. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely,

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