

19th May 2025

Dear parents and carers

The remaining weeks of the GCSE exam season.

Year 11 have made a great start to their exams.

Attendance and punctuality have been excellent. Attitude in the actual exams has been very impressive, with pupils working hard throughout the time and following the guidance of teachers on how best to pace themselves through the time and answer the exam questions on each paper.

Thank you for all you are doing to keep them buoyant and focused on what lies ahead. As you know, there is still some way to go. This letter sets out how we are managing the complexity of the remaining lessons, the exams schedule and appropriate use of study leave.

Please look closely at the table on the next page to see how we are managing the timetable and exams on a day by day basis.

Where we are able, we want to continue with lessons in subjects that are still to be examined right up to the exam. We know from year to year that this is the best approach so that pupils are not in some way disadvantaged where a subject is later in the exam series.

We also know that after an exam, pupils can be tense and tired and so we are being both sensitive and sensible about when it might make sense to have an earlier finish or later start where possible.

Your child has been given a copy of this letter and a day-by-day timetable for after half term.

We will remind pupils each day of the arrangements for that day. This letter will also appear on our school website.

With kind thanks for your continuing support to us through the exam season and wishing your child continuing best wishes for great success in their remaining exams.



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CARING, LEARNING AND SUCCEEDING

Date	Examination (morning)		Examination (afternoon)	Amended timetable
Friday 23 rd May	Year 11 English Language Comp 1 155 pupils		No exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Following the end of the English language exam, pupils will be allowed to leave school and go home to revise.
Monday 2 nd June	No exam		No exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Pupils will attend normal lessons all day unless they have Art or Photography periods 5 and 6.Art or Photography pupils will attend the start of period 5 and then be allowed to go home unless they wish to stay in school and revise.
Tues 3 rd June	Portuguese (H) Listening & Reading		No exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Pupils will attend normal lessons all day unless they have Drama or Photography periods 5 and 6.Drama or Photography pupils will attend the start of period 5 and then be allowed to go home unless they wish to stay in school and revise.
Wednesday 4 th June	Maths Paper 2 calculator 157 pupils		No exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Pupils will attend the Maths exam periods 1 and 2, then follow their normal timetable for the remainder of the day.
Thursday 5 th June	History Paper 2 British depth study & Period study 75 Pupils		No exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none">History pupils will attend the exam periods 1 and 2.Non-History pupils will attend periods 1 and 2 as normal.Periods 3 to 6 pupils will attend lessons as normal and revise in Photography, Art and Drama.
Friday 6 th June	English Language Comp 2 155 pupils		Geography Paper 2 84 pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none">All pupils will attend the English exam periods 1,2 and 3.Pupils will attend lessons as normal P4 and revise in English.Geography pupils will attend the exam periods 5 and 6.Non-Geography pupils will attend periods 5 and 6 as normal, revising in any subjects which have not finished.
Monday 9 th June	Combined Science Biology Paper 2 128 pupils	Triple Science Biology Paper 2 28 pupils	PE Paper 2 Socio-cultural issues and sports psychology 38 pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none">All pupils attend the Science exam periods 1 and 2.PE pupils attend the exam periods 5 and 6.Art or Photography pupils will attend the start of period 5 and then be allowed to go home unless they wish to stay in school and revise.All other pupils are to stay in school periods 3 to 6.
Tuesday 10 th June	Spanish Listening & Reading 22 pupils		History Paper 3 Modern Depth Study 75 Pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none">All pupils will be in school for the whole day.Spanish pupils will attend the exam periods 1 and 2.History pupils will attend the exam periods 5 and 6.Pupils will attend lessons when not in an exam and will revise in lessons or have revision lessons.
Wednesday 11 th June	Maths Paper 3 calculator 157 pupils		Contingency Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Pupils will sit the Maths exam periods 1 and 2, then attend science revision sessions for periods 3 to 6.Pupils will have an extended lunch and no form period.
Thursday 12 th June	Geography Paper 3 1 hour 30 min 84 pupils		Level 1/2 Vocational Award Hospitality and Catering 41 pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Geography pupils will attend the exam periods 1 and 2.There will be a Hospitality and Catering revision session periods 3 and 4.Hospitality and Catering pupils will attend the exam periods 5 and 6.Geography pupils not in the afternoon Hospitality and Catering exam can go home after period 2.Any pupils not involved in the Geography or Hospitality and Catering exams do not need to attend school.
Friday 13 th June	Combined Science Chemistry Paper 2 128 pupils	Triple Science Chemistry Paper 2 28 pupils	No exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none">All pupils will attend the Science exam periods 1 and 2.Pupils will leave school following the Science exam.
Monday 16 th June	Combined Science Physics Paper 2 128 pupils	Triple Science Physics Paper 2 28 pupils	Music 11 pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none">All pupils attend the Science exam periods 1 and 2.There will be a Music revision session periods 3 and 4.Music pupils attend the exam periods 5 and 6.All other pupils can leave school following the science exam.
Tues 17 th June	Spanish Writing 22 pupils		No exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none">There will be a DT revision day periods 1 to 4.Pupils will attend their Spanish exam periods 1 and 2 and then can leave school unless they would like to attend periods 3 and 4 of the DT revision day.All other pupils have finished and do not need to come to school.
Wednesday 18 th June	Design & Technology 35 pupils		No exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Design technology pupils attend their exam periods 1 and 2, then go home.All other pupils have finished and do not need to come to school.
National contingency sessions - All pupils must be available to sit exams at these times: Wednesday 11th June PM - Wednesday 25th June AM and PM				