

15<sup>th</sup> May 2026

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 remaining lessons, the exams schedule and appropriate use of study leave.

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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*Extended Leadership Team - Assessment systems and tracking pupil achievement.)*

 **CARING, LEARNING  
AND SUCCEEDING**

Date	Examination (morning)		Examination (afternoon)	Amended timetable
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June</b>	PE Paper 2 (62 pupils)		No exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PE pupils attend the Paper 2 exam (P1–2). All other pupils attend normal lessons.</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	Combined Science Physics Paper 1 (130 pupils)	Triple Science Physics Paper 1 (34 pupils)	Russian Listening & Reading (1 pupil)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Year 11 pupils attend the Physics Paper 1 exam (P1–2). Normal lessons from P3.</li> <li>Russian pupil attends Listening then Reading back-to-back in the afternoon. All other pupils attend normal lessons.</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	Maths Paper 2 calculator (164 pupils)		Geography Paper 2 (91 pupils)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Year 11 pupils attend the Maths Calculator Paper 2 exam (P1–2). Normal lessons from P3.</li> <li>Geography pupils attend P5 exam. Non-Geography pupils attend normal P5 and P6 lessons.</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	History Paper 2 Superpower Relations & Elizabethan England (81 Pupils)		French Reading (25 pupils)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>History pupils attend the morning exam (P1–2). All other pupils attend lessons as normal.</li> <li>French pupils attend the Reading exam in the afternoon. All other pupils attend lessons as normal (P3–5). Pupils not in French exam attend P6 in English with PE teachers covering other English lessons.</li> </ul>
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	English Language Comp 2 (164 pupils)		Music Written Paper (17 pupils)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Year 11 pupils attend the English Language Component 2 exam (P1–2). Normal lessons from P3.</li> <li>Music booster session P4 for Music pupils.</li> <li>Music pupils attend the written paper in the afternoon. All other pupils may go home after the English exam or attend supervised revision. Teachers are available.</li> </ul>
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Combined Science Biology Paper 2 (130 pupils)	Triple Science Biology Paper 2 (34 pupils)	French Writing (25 pupils)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All pupils attend the Biology Paper 2 exam (P1–2). After the exam, pupils may:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>go home and revise;</li> <li>stay and revise then attend normal lessons P5 and P6; or</li> <li>go home and return for P5 and P6.</li> </ol> </li> <li>French pupils attend PM exam.</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Spanish Listening & Reading (17 pupils)		History Paper 3 Weimar and Nazi Germany (81 pupils)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spanish pupils attend the Listening exam (P1). All other pupils attend normal Science lessons in P1 and P2.</li> <li>P3 normal lessons.</li> <li>All pupils attend a Maths lesson P4 with English teachers covering 3 KS3 Maths classes.</li> <li>History pupils attend the final History paper in the afternoon. Geography pupils attend P5 and P6 Maths.</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Maths Paper 3 calculator (164 pupils)		Design and Technology Written (45 pupils) Russian Writing (1 pupil)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Year 11 pupils attend the final Maths Calculator paper (P1–2).</li> <li>Normal lessons from P3.</li> <li>DT pupils attend the written exam P5–6.</li> <li>Russian pupil attends the Writing exam P5–6.</li> <li>Remaining pupils attend a Science booster session (P5) with Maths teachers covering KS3 Science classes.</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Geography Paper 3 (91 pupils)		No exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Geography pupils attend the final Geography paper (P1–2).</li> <li>Geography pupils then attend Science booster P4–6, lessons covered by Y11 staff.</li> <li>All other pupils attend Science booster P1–3, lessons covered by Y11 staff, and then go home.</li> </ul>
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Combined Science Chemistry Paper 2 (130 pupils)	Triple Science Chemistry Paper 2 (34 pupils)	Hospitality & Catering Unit 1 Paper (18 pupils)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All pupils attend Chemistry Paper 2 (P1–2). After the exam, all pupils not in Hospitality &amp; Catering may go home unless they have further exams.</li> <li>Hospitality &amp; Catering pupils attend a booster session (P3–4) then sit the exam in the afternoon.</li> <li>All other pupils offered optional Physics booster P3–6.</li> </ul>
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Combined Science Physics Paper 2 (130 pupils)	Triple Science Physics Paper 2 (34 pupils)	No exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Year 11 pupils attend Physics Paper 2 (P1–2). Spanish booster session offered in P4 (subject to pupil uptake).</li> <li>Non-Spanish exam pupils go home following the Physics exam.</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Spanish Reading (17 pupils)		No exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Only Spanish pupils are required in school for this session.</li> <li>Spanish booster session offered in P4.</li> <li>All other pupils have finished and do not need to come to school.</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Spanish Reading (17 pupils)		No exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spanish pupils attend the final exam (P1–2). Following this exam, all Year 11 pupils have completed the 2026 examination season.</li> <li>All other pupils have finished and do not need to come to school.</li> </ul>

**National contingency sessions** - All pupils must be available to sit exams at these times: **Wednesday 24th June AM and PM**