

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the GCSE examination period, we would like to outline how **Year 11 lessons will run during the exam season** and how we will continue to support pupils right up to their final exam.

Throughout the examination period, **school remains open as normal and attendance is compulsory** until a pupil has completed their **final GCSE exam**. While external exams are taking place, all lessons in school will continue, but with a **clear and deliberate focus on revision** rather than new content.

How in-school revision will work

Lessons during this period are carefully planned to:

- Focus directly on **upcoming exams**
- Reinforce key knowledge, exam techniques, and required practicals
- Provide targeted support in subjects where pupils need it most

Revision sessions may look slightly different from usual lessons. In some cases, classes may be working with specialist teachers, using prepared revision materials, or joining with other groups. These arrangements allow us to make the **best possible use of staff expertise** and ensure pupils receive high-quality preparation for each paper.

Tutor time and other non-exam lessons are also used purposefully for **additional targeted revision**, ensuring that no learning time is wasted.

Expectations for pupils

To ensure these sessions run smoothly and are effective, pupils are expected to:

- Attend school every day until their final exam
- Bring full equipment and any required resources each day
- Go directly to their allocated rooms and remain there for the lesson
- Follow staff instructions and work quietly and sensibly

This structure helps create a calm, focused environment which is particularly important during an intense exam period.



Leaving school after exams

Once a pupil has completed **their final GCSE exam**, arrangements are in place for them to leave school earlier on that day. Pupils and families will be clearly informed when this applies.

If a pupil has an unavoidable appointment in school time, please upload picture of the appointment card/message on Classcharts under the report an absence function. If this is not there the pupil **will not** be allowed to leave.

Leavers' Day will take place on Tuesday 16 June 2026, following the final Spanish exam.

Reassurance

We understand that the exam period can be a demanding and sometimes stressful time for pupils and families. Please be reassured that:

- Pupils are always supervised while in school
- Revision is carefully matched to the exam timetable
- Support increases rather than reduces as exams progress
- Staff remain available to guide, reassure, and encourage pupils
- Breakfast will be provided on the day of each exam.
- After school revision will continue until the last GCSE exam in that subject is completed.

We are confident that this structured approach gives our Year 11 students the best possible chance to perform to the very best of their ability.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,



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