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GCSE Exams at a Glance, Year 11 Revision Sessions and Quiet Study Space

Dear Parents and Carers

Your child has had a provisional list of their examination entries and dates. Rooming and seating is currently being finalised, therefore, a confirmed timetable with rooms and seat numbers will be released to students in the week before the exams begin. Please find attached to this letter an overview of the examinations in each subject to further support preparation and revision.

When examinations begin on Thursday 8th May, students will continue to attend school for a combination of lessons, examinations and scheduled revision sessions until Tuesday 20th May; from this point students will be on exam leave. Students who are in receipt of free school meals will be able to purchase food from the POD or canteen when they are in school, however, to avoid food wastage the canteen will not be preparing food for the wider year group.

A final reminder - Students must arrive on time and in full school uniform (not signed school shirts) for each examination and with the relevant school equipment. Morning exams begin at 9.00 am and afternoon exams begin at 1.30 pm. Students who rely on public transport need to ensure they leave with plenty of time to get to school. The examinations are part of a rigorous national process and therefore timings cannot be adjusted for transport issues. As detailed in our letter in March failure to attend school and examinations in full school uniform will jeopardise attendance at the Year 11 prom. Mobile phones and watches must be turned off and handed to the invigilators in pre-prepared exam wallets. Students are reminded to use clear pencil cases for exam equipment, remove labels from water bottles and ensure they have calculators for the relevant examinations.

There will be a number of revision sessions over the exam period; these will take the form of taught sessions or drop-in sessions. Where departments have planned a taught session students who intend to attend must arrive for the start of the session; for drop-in sessions teaching colleagues will be available for the duration of the session to provide support. The revision session timetable is attached to this letter.

From Tuesday 20th May we recognise that there may be students who are **unable** to go home in between morning and afternoon exams. For those students we will provide a silent study space; this location will be signposted in the school foyer. We have looked at the timetable and identified the dates listed on the attached pages as potential times when students in this position may need to use the study space before an afternoon examination. This study space will only be available from the end of a morning examination until 12.40 and will be supervised by a member of staff. Students who are using this space will be expected to stay on the school site for lunchtime before their afternoon examination. We expect students to bring revision materials with them in order to revise quietly. For safeguarding reasons students must commit to using the study space for the duration of the session and cannot opt in and out; we will be creating a register from the reply slip returns and deploying staff to supervise; please note we will contact families where students do not attend. In addition, please be aware that we are financially committing to staffing the room so do please ensure your child is equally committed to using it. In addition, please note there cannot be any casual visits to the school site after May 20th. If your child is **unable** to go home in between morning and afternoon exams and requires this space, please complete the reply slip indicating which sessions will be required.

Please do let me know if there is anything else we can support you with.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Harkiran'.

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GCSE Subject Revision Sessions

Date	Time	Location	Subject
22/04/25	3:30-4:30	117	Drama Drop In
29/04/25	3:30-4:30	117	Drama Drop In
06/05/25	3:30-4:30	117	Drama Drop In
08/05/25	12:45-1:15	S26	Computer Science
09/05/25	3:30-4:30	S26	Computer Science
14/05/25	12:45-1:15	S24	Computer Science
15/05/25	12:45-1:15	S26	Computer Science
16/05/25	3:30-4:30	S26	Computer Science
21/05/25	11:40-12:40	S01	Physics
22/05/25	11:40-12:40	T04	Vocational Engineering
02/06/25	11:40-12:40	A101	Geography
02/06/25	1:30 – 3:30	213	French
02/06/25	1:30-3:30	Multi-Gym	PE
04/06/25	11:40-12:40	S22	Biology
04/06/25	1:30-3:30	201	History
05/06/25	1:30-3:30	Multi-Gym	PE
09/06/25	11:40-12:40	212	Spanish
09/06/25	11:40-12:40	118	Music
09/06/25	11:40-12:40	A101	Geography
11/06/25	11:40-12:40	201	History
11/06/25	1:30-3:30	T22	Catering
12/06/25	11:40-1:30	T24	Food Preparation and Nutrition
13/06/25	11:40-12:40	S01	Physics
13/06/25	2:30-3:30	118	Music
16/06/25	11:40-12:40	212	Spanish
18/06/25	8:00-9:00	T04	Design Engineering Drop in

Study Space

Please return to Ms Grewal before Tuesday 20th May 2025

Name of Student: Form:

All sessions begin at the end of the morning examination and end at 12.40. Students will be expected to stay on the school site at lunchtime before afternoon examinations begin. Please tick the sessions your child requires.

Date	Start	Level	Duration	Board	Subject	Unit Code	Component	Study Room - Tick if required
Tue 20/05/2025	9:00AM	GCSE	135 mins	AQA	English Literature	8702/2	8702/2: English Literature Paper 2	
Tue 20/05/2025	1:30PM	GCSE	90 mins	OCR	Computer Science	J277/02	J277/02: Computer Science (Comp Sci:comp Thnk Algrthm Prgrm Wtn)	
Wed 21/05/2025	9:00AM	GCSE	35 mins	AQA	French	8658/LF	8658F (8658/LF): French Tier F (French Listening Test Tier F)	
Wed 21/05/2025	9:00AM	GCSE	45 mins	AQA	French	8658/LH	8658H (8658/LH): French Tier H (French Listening Test Tier H)	
Wed 21/05/2025	9:00AM	GCSE	45 mins	AQA	French	8658/RF	8658F (8658/RF): French Tier F (French Reading Test Tier F)	
Wed 21/05/2025	9:00AM	GCSE	60 mins	AQA	French	8658/RH	8658H (8658/RH): French Tier H (French Reading Test Tier H)	
Wed 21/05/2025	1:30PM	GCSE	105 mins	Edexcel	Religious Studies	1RB0 2C	1RB0ZN (1RB0 2C): Religious Studies B Option Zn (Islam)	
Thu 22/05/2025	9:00AM	GCSE	105 mins	OCR	Physics	J249/01	J249F (J249/01): Physics A (gateway Science) - Fnd (Physics A (gtwy Sci):paper 1 Fnd Wtn)	
Thu 22/05/2025	9:00AM	GCSE	105 mins	OCR	Physics	J249/03	J249H (J249/03): Physics A (gateway Science) - Hgh (Physics A (gtwy Sci):paper 3 Hgh Wtn)	
Thu 22/05/2025	9:00AM	GCSE	70 mins	OCR	Combined Science	J250/05	J250F (J250/05): Combined Science A (gateway) - Fnd (Comb Sci A: Paper 5 (fnd) Wrtn)	
Thu 22/05/2025	9:00AM	GCSE	70 mins	OCR	Combined Science	J250/11	J250H (J250/11): Combined Science A (gateway) - Hgh (Comb Sci A: Paper 11 (hgh) Wrtn)	
Thu 22/05/2025	1:30PM	GCSE	45 mins	Edexcel	Arabic	1AA0 1H	1AA0H (1AA0 1H): Arabic Option H (Listening (h))	
Thu 22/05/2025	1:30PM	GCSE	65 mins	Edexcel	Arabic	1AA0 3H	1AA0H (1AA0 3H): Arabic Option H (Reading (h))	
Thu 22/05/2025	1:30PM	GCSE	85 mins	Edexcel	Turkish	1TU0 4H	1TU0H (1TU0 4H): Turkish Option H (Writing (h))	

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Thu 22/05/2025	1:30PM	L2	90 mins	WJEC	Voc Engineering	5799U30-1	5799U30-1: Solving Engineering Problems New (Engineering Unit 3 Written New)	
Fri 23/05/2025	9:00AM	GCSE	105 mins	AQA	English Language	8700/1	8700/1: English Language Paper 1	No study room
Mon 02/06/2025	1:30PM	GCSE	45 mins	Edexcel	Japanese	1JA0 1H	1JA0H (1JA0 1H): Japanese Option H (Listening (h))	No study room.
Mon 02/06/2025	1:30PM	GCSE	65 mins	Edexcel	Japanese	1JA0 3H	1JA0H (1JA0 3H): Japanese Option H (Reading (h))	
Tue 03/06/2025	9:00AM	GCSE	85 mins	Edexcel	Arabic	1AA0 4H	1AA0H (1AA0 4H): Arabic Option H (Writing (h))	No study room.
Tue 03/06/2025	9:00AM	GCSE	45 mins	Edexcel	Russian	1RU0 1H	1RU0H (1RU0 1H): Russian Option H (Listening (h))	
Tue 03/06/2025	9:00AM	GCSE	65 mins	Edexcel	Russian	1RU0 3H	1RU0H (1RU0 3H): Russian Option H (Reading (h))	
Wed 04/06/2025	9:00AM	GCSE	90 mins	Edexcel	Maths	1MA1 2H	1MA1H (1MA1 2H): Mathematics Option H (Calculator (h))	No study room.
Wed 04/06/2025	9:00AM	GCSE	90 mins	AQA	Maths	8300/2H	8300H (8300/2H): Mathematics Tier H (Mathematics Paper 2 Tier H)	
Wed 04/06/2025	9:00AM	GCSE	90 mins	OCR	Maths	J560/02	J560F (J560/02): Mathematics (foundation Tier) (Mathematics: Paper 2 Fnd Wrtn)	
Wed 04/06/2025	9:00AM	GCSE	90 mins	OCR	Maths	J560/05	J560H (J560/05): Mathematics (higher Tier) (Mathematics: Paper 5 Hgh Wrtn)	
Thu 05/06/2025	9:00AM	GCSE	105 mins	OCR	History	J411/11	J411AF (J411/11): History B (shp) Option Af (Hist B: ppl Hlth Nrmn Cnqst Wtn)	
Thu 05/06/2025	1:30PM	GCSE	60 mins	AQA	French	8658/WF	8658F (8658/WF): French Tier F (French Writing Test Tier F)	
Thu 05/06/2025	1:30PM	GCSE	75 mins	AQA	French	8658/WH	8658H (8658/WH): French Tier H (French Writing Test Tier H)	
Fri 06/06/2025	9:00AM	GCSE	105 mins	AQA	English Language	8700/2	8700/2: English Language Paper 2	
Fri 06/06/2025	1:30PM	GCSE	75 mins	OCR	Geography	J384/02	J384/02: Geography B (geog For Enq Minds) (Geography B: people And Society - Wrt)	
Mon 09/06/2025	9:00AM	GCSE	105 mins	AQA	Biology	8461/2H	8461H (8461/2H): Biology Tier H (Biology Paper 2 Tier H)	

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Thu 12/06/2025	9:00AM	GCSE	90 mins	OCR	Geography	J384/03	J384/03: Geography B (geog For Enq Minds) (Geography B:gegrphcal Explrtn - Wrt)	
Thu 12/06/2025	1:30PM	GCSE	85 mins	Edexcel	Russian	1RU0 4H	1RU0H (1RU0 4H): Russian Option H (Writing (h))	
Thu 12/06/2025	1:30PM	L2	80 mins	WJEC	Catering	5409UB0-1	5409UB0-1: Hosp & Catering Industry Paper New (Hosp & Catering Unit 1: Paper New)	
Thu 12/06/2025	1:30PM	L2	105 mins	AQA	Further Maths	8365/1	8365/1: Further Mathematics Paper 1	
Fri 13/06/2025	9:00AM	GCSE	105 mins	OCR	Chemistry	J248/02	J248F (J248/02): Chemistry A (gateway Science) - Fnd (Chem A (gtwy Sci): Paper 2 (fnd) Wtn)	No study room.
Fri 13/06/2025	9:00AM	GCSE	105 mins	OCR	Chemistry	J248/04	J248H (J248/04): Chemistry A (gateway Science) - Hgh (Chem A (gtwy Sci): Paper 4 (hgh) Wtn)	
Fri 13/06/2025	9:00AM	GCSE	70 mins	OCR	Combined Science	J250/04	J250F (J250/04): Combined Science A (gateway) - Fnd (Comb Sci A: Paper 4 (fnd) Wrtn)	
Fri 13/06/2025	9:00AM	GCSE	70 mins	OCR	Combined Science	J250/10	J250H (J250/10): Combined Science A (gateway) - Hgh (Comb Sci A: Paper 10 (hgh) Wrtn)	
Mon 16/06/2025	9:00AM	GCSE	105 mins	OCR	Physics	J249/02	J249F (J249/02): Physics A (gateway Science) - Fnd (Physics A (gtwy Sci):paper 2 Fnd Wtn)	
Mon 16/06/2025	9:00AM	GCSE	105 mins	OCR	Physics	J249/04	J249H (J249/04): Physics A (gateway Science) - Hgh (Physics A (gtwy Sci):paper 4 Hgh Wtn)	
Mon 16/06/2025	9:00AM	GCSE	70 mins	OCR	Combined Science	J250/06	J250F (J250/06): Combined Science A (gateway) - Fnd (Comb Sci A: Paper 6 (fnd) Wrtn)	
Mon 16/06/2025	9:00AM	GCSE	70 mins	OCR	Combined Science	J250/12	J250H (J250/12): Combined Science A (gateway) - Hgh (Comb Sci A: Paper 12 (hgh) Wrtn)	
Mon 16/06/2025	1:30PM	GCSE	90 mins	AQA	Music	8271/W	8271/W: Music Written Paper	
Tue 17/06/2025	9:00AM	GCSE	60 mins	AQA	Spanish	8698/WF	8698F (8698/WF): Spanish Tier F (Spanish Writing Test Tier F)	

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Tue 17/06/2025	9:00AM	GCSE	75 mins	AQA	Spanish	8698/WH	8698H (8698/WH): Spanish Tier H (Spanish Writing Test Tier H)	
Tue 17/06/2025	1:30PM	GCSE	105 mins	AQA	Food	8585/W	8585/W: Food Preparation And Nutrition (Food Prep And Nutrition Written)	
Wed 18/06/2025	9:00AM	GCSE	120 mins	OCR	Design & Technology	J310/01	J310B (J310/01): Design & Technology B - Mod Pstl (D&t:prncpls Of Dsgn & Tchnlgy - Wrtn)	
Wed 18/06/2025	1:30PM	L2	105 mins	AQA	Further Maths	8365/2	8365/2: Further Mathematics Paper 2	
25 th June 2025 - Exam Contingency Day								

Parent and Carer emergency contact number:

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Student mobile number if applicable:

I **give/do not give permission*** for my child to receive emergency first aid / medical care by a doctor or hospital in the event of an accident.

If there is any medical information about your child which you feel the teacher should be aware of, e.g. allergies, medication needs, etc, please specify below or request a confidential medical form to complete.

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Signed: Parent and Carer Date:

***Delete as applicable**