



13 February 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Exam Contingency Dates

Year 11 examinations commence on Thursday 8 May. Students are expected to attend school as normal throughout the summer exam series. Attendance is key to ensure students have access to specialist subject teachers who will support them through their revision and assessments.

Students will have been provided with a copy of all their examination entries and exam dates. Please be aware that Wednesday 25 June has been designated as an exam contingency day. This is put in place every year by JCQ and means all students must be available up until the end of Wednesday 25 June in the event a contingency date is required for an examination.

It is imperative that students attend all their examinations, failure to do so, even with medical evidence, will have a negative impact on a student's grade and parents/carers may be charged exam fees. Should a student be unable to sit an exam due to a serious illness, then Mr Peacock and the school absence line should be contacted urgently. This ensures individual circumstances can be discussed and medical evidence obtained, if appropriate.

Breakfast Revision & Additional Learning

Students will perform their best in the exam when they are prepared, well rested and have eaten. To support students in achieving this we are running breakfast revision sessions from 08:00-08:30 on the morning of exams. This valuable time helps reassure students at the start of the day and gives them final preparation time prior to the exam. Breakfast revision sessions will finish at 08:30 so that students have time to get breakfast from the Hub before their examinations. All students are invited to attend these sessions. They should arrive by 08:10 and use the rear car park gate entrance, going straight to the allocated classroom. After this time students will not be able to access the school until the usual time of 08:30.

Coursework catch up currently runs after school for invited students. Subjects follow a timetable to invite students on specific days. As we move into exams, students find it more effective to attend revision sessions for a subject where they have the exam the next day. To support this, we will be suspending the current coursework catch up timetable from Monday 5 May. Instead, we will invite students to attend revision sessions that have been scheduled based on the exams the next day. To ensure parents and students know when these sessions are running, all revision sessions have been added to our 'preparing for success document' and has been attached to this email. These are labelled as 'additional,' and the breakfast revision sessions are also shown. The program also identifies all the weekend and holiday revision sessions that are available to students and identifies all the exams. Please be aware this document identifies exams and sessions for Year 11 and Y13, therefore students will be given time in tutor to review which sessions are applicable to them.

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Naturally, the most important determinant of success will be the **commitment of your child to work hard over this term**. We will be encouraging students to strive for the outcomes they can achieve, and I am sure you will be doing the same. An analysis of our data from previous years has shown that the students who attended revision sessions performed better in their examinations. We would appreciate your support in ensuring that your child attends all the relevant sessions and continues to maintain the highest standards of attendance.

Leavers Day

This year the final date of examination differs for students depending on their subjects. To support students to be successful in their exams, all students are expected to attend school full time up until Thursday 12 June. From this date students will have fewer exams, so we will be releasing students from school earlier, dependent on their remaining exams. The arrangements from Thursday 12 June are as follows:

Date	Start time & students required	Finish time
Thursday 12 June	Only students who take Geography and/or Hospitality & Catering to attend. Students who take Geography and/or Hospitality & Catering arrive at school by 08:30. Students who wish to access the Geography breakfast session should arrive by 08:00. All other Year 11 students should revise at home in preparation for Chemistry exam.	Students who do not have Hospitality & Catering exam will be released at 11:30 following line up. Students who have Hospitality & Catering exam will be released after the Hospitality & Catering exam finishes.
Friday 13 June	All students to arrive by 08:30. Students who want access to Chemistry breakfast session should arrive by 08:00.	Students will be released from school following break time line ups.
Monday 16 June	All students arrive at school by 08:30. Students who wish to access physics breakfast session should arrive by 08:00.	Students who do not have a Music exam will be released from school following break time line ups. Students who have a Music exam will be released immediately after their Music exam.
Tuesday 17 June	Only students who have a Spanish exam to attend school by 08:30. Students who wish to access Spanish breakfast revision should arrive by 08:00.	Students will be released immediately after their Spanish exam.
Wednesday 18 June	Only Design Technology students attend. Students who wish to access Design Technology breakfast revision should arrive by 08:00.	Students studying Design Technology will be released immediately after their exam has ended.

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Wednesday 18 June is the final scheduled examination for Year 11 students. Students will not be expected to attend school after this point. However, they must be available to attend on Wednesday 25 June if the exam contingency date is required by JCQ.

Leavers BBQ

Students will be invited to a leavers BBQ on Wednesday 11 June. This will be an after school celebration bringing Year 11 students and staff together to celebrate their hard work. More information will be provided nearer the time.

Thank you in anticipation of your support during the coming months.



Yours faithfully,

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