



Dear Parent/Carer,

February 2026

Exam Contingency Dates

Year 11 examinations commence on Thursday 7 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 24 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 24 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 11 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 for Thursday 11 June can be found at the end of this letter.

Wednesday 17 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 24 June if the exam contingency date is required by JCQ.

Leavers BBQ & Celebrations

Students will be invited to school for a leaver's celebration event on Wednesday 17 June. Students will be invited to come in to school at 11:45 for a final celebration assembly, shirt signing, prom award voting, activities and a BBQ. There is no cost to students for the food provided at the BBQ. However, it will be a ticketed event to support us with catering numbers. Further information on how to obtain a ticket will be provided in due course. This is a celebratory event, where we expect all students to be invited. However, if there are concerns regarding behavior, we do reserve the right to withdraw an invitation. The event will finish by 3pm. Students will be able to collect their prom ticket at the event, should they have purchased one.

Prom

A reminder that the Prom will take place on **Thursday 2 July** at The Hilton Hotel in Bournemouth. Students continue to work towards the criteria for prom linked to attendance and behaviour. This is being carefully monitored by Mr Peacock. If there are concerns around a student not meeting the criteria, this concern will be shared with parents/carers. Further information regarding prom will be shared closer to the event.

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| Date | Start time & students required | Finish time |
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| Thursday 11 June | <p>Morning: Only students who take Geography to attend. Students who take Geography arrive at school by 08:30. Students who wish to access the Geography breakfast session should arrive by 08:00.</p> <p>All other Year 11 students should revise at home in preparation for Chemistry exam.</p> <p>Afternoon: Students completing the level 2 Extended Maths certificate should arrive at school by 12:50 and go to the lawn to be met for their exam.</p> | Students may leave school site after the Geography exam has finished. |
| Friday 12 June | All students must arrive by 08:30 for the Chemistry exam. Students who want access to Chemistry breakfast session should arrive by 08:00. | Students who do not have Hospitality & Catering exam in the afternoon will be released from line ups after break time. Students who have Hospitality & Catering exam will remain on site and be released at the end of the exam. |
| Monday 15 June | All students arrive at school by 08:30 for Physics exam. Students who wish to access Physics breakfast session should arrive by 08:00. | Students will be released from site at the end of their physics exams |
| Tuesday 16 June | <p>Morning: 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.</p> <p>Afternoon: Students completing the level 2 Extended Maths certificate should arrive at school by 12:50 and go to the lawn to be met for their exam.</p> | Students will be released immediately after their Spanish exam. |
| Wednesday 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 studying Spanish will be invited to stay on site for the Y11 leavers celebration event or may leave and return at 11:45 for the start of this event. |

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

Yours faithfully,

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