



27th April 2026

Dear Families

Year 11 Examinations

Our students are now fast approaching their exams and we wanted to share a few important things with you before this crucial period begins to make sure that your child experiences the success we are all hoping for.

Intervention update

Firstly, apart from the 'My Maths' intervention, there is no other compulsory intervention programme as of this week as students will all have different priorities at this point based on their exam timetables. Intervention sessions will take place but they will vary in terms of days and subjects and are completely optional. Students will be made aware of these and can make a decision on which sessions they want to attend.

Revision support

To support our students the library is now open every night until 5pm to provide a quiet area for those who wish to use it. Students can also use the Revision Room in the Year 11 Area every day during lunch. In the evenings there will be a series of online 'Masterclasses' for students to attend the night before their exam. They have been provided with a timetable for masterclasses and are encouraged to attend online via Microsoft Teams.

Study leave

Many students have asked us about study leave. At this moment in time students are expected to attend school as usual until further notice. As we will be running booster sessions for exams within the school day this is crucial if they are not to be disadvantaged. We will consider study leave later on during the exam cycle but it is not something that we are currently looking to offer.

Exam timetable

All students have now received a personalised exam timetable for them to check. Please encourage them to make sure that they have been entered for all of their exams and that they are on the correct tier where this is relevant. You can view the entire exam schedule [here](#) but please be aware that some exams will not be relevant for your child on this generic version as it includes exams for all the options that were available at the start of Year 10.

Timings

Exams that take place in the morning will begin promptly at **9am** so please emphasise the need for your child to be in **by 8.30am at the latest** so they can hear key messages and ensure they are fully organised. If students are late to exams there is no guarantee that they will be allowed to sit them and even if they are the exam boards reserve the right to not mark them. We will also be running 'Warm Up' sessions for students at **8am sharp** so we encourage all of Year 11 to attend those and get in as early as possible.

Afternoon exams will begin at **1pm**. Some exams are likely to finish early and students will be dismissed if this is the case. If this is likely to cause any problems please contact the academy and let us know so that we can keep your child until 3pm. Please also keep in mind that some longer exams may run over the usual 3pm end time for the day. The personalised exam timetable that each student has will give you the lengths of each exam.



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VIP Breakfast

From **Friday 8th May**, we will be offering a special **VIP Breakfast** which is free for our Year 11s! All Year 11s can enjoy bacon cobs, fresh fruit juice and pastries in the Year 11 Area from **8am** during the exam period.

End of exams

I would also like to take this opportunity to clarify that exam season officially ends on **Wednesday 24th June 2026**. If for any reason exams are rearranged they will run up to this date and it is crucial that your child is available. **Please do not book holidays until after this date!**

Conduct in exams

We kindly ask that you speak to your child about their conduct in exams. Every year disqualifications occur across the country and students who have worked for years on a subject end up with nothing to show. Many of these then fail to get into college or apprenticeships as a result of this. We have emphasised to students the importance of entering the exam room in silence, remaining in silence and then leaving in silence. The exams are invigilated by external staff and regulated by the Joint Council for Qualifications. There is nothing we can do as a school to help students once disqualifications occur! Equally we ask for your support in making sure students attend in Perfect Uniform and remember to bring their equipment.

Finally, and most importantly, we ask for your support in monitoring the welfare of our wonderful Year 11 cohort. We are sure you will keep checking in with them and we will do the same. Please remind them they can come and speak to any staff at the academy at any time about anything.

Thank you for your support during this period. It will all be worth it on **Thursday 20th August** (Results Day) when students go on to the next stages of their lives. We will be in contact at a later date about this.

Yours sincerely

Mr G Coles
Principal