



GARSTANG COMMUNITY ACADEMY

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Friday 24th April 2026

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support as your child approaches their GCSE written examinations.

Practical exams for Art will conclude this week and French speaking tests are taking place on Wednesday 29th April and Friday 1st May 2026. The first written paper will be on Friday 8th May 2026 and these will continue until Monday 15th June, although all students need to be available up until the end of the contingency day of Wednesday 24th June. To accommodate a quiet and purposeful school environment with no crossover with lunchtimes and exam periods, we will be putting in place a day structure with three morning periods, then lunch, followed by two afternoon sessions from Tuesday 5th May until the end of Wednesday 18th June.

Study leave will commence on Friday 5th June 2026 (at approximately 12:25pm – further details will follow) up to and including Wednesday 25th June 2026. This will mean that your child will only attend school, if they have an examination or a pre-arranged revision lesson. Hard work really does pay off and we would ask that you continue to encourage your child with their revision for the final weeks of their GCSE examinations. Additional information relating to revision sessions, which will take place during the study leave period will follow. If you would prefer your child to be in school over the study leave period, please personally contact me with your needs and we will put a plan in place.

Please be reminded that all students must attend school in full uniform, both for examinations and for revision classes.

In the run up to the exams, after school revision classes will be available to attend in the following subjects as follows:

Monday: RE, Business Studies, Computer Science, History, Biology

Tuesday: Mathematics, Business Studies, Computer Science, French

Thursday: Sports Studies, all Science subjects

Friday: Geography, GCSE PE

Excellent attendance and punctuality to the exams is vital. Students must be on site at least 15 minutes before the exam start time which in most cases is 9am or 1pm. The JCQ regulations do not permit any student who is significantly late to an exam to sit that paper meaning they would lose the marks for that paper.

There is no opportunity to sit catch-up exams during the GCSE exams window. A special considerations process can only be applied by our Exams Team if medical certificates from a GP/medical professional can be produced citing reasons why any student could not physically sit an exam. Absence from an exam would mean that all marks are lost from that component.

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It is also worth noting that exam entries cost the school a significant amount of money, depending on the paper, between £46-£70 per paper. We reserve the right to refer the charges to parents/carers (who have not submitted medical certificates) for any non-attendance or non-engagement with a particular exam.

Children who have purchased a leavers hoodie, will receive it following the conclusion of their assembly on Friday 1st May 2026. Your child will then be permitted to wear the purchased leavers hoodie from this date and throughout the GCSE exam period in place of their blazer if they choose to do so.

You will be aware that there are a number of celebration events that your child may qualify for, including the:

Shirt signing event – Friday 5th June 2026

Unless informed otherwise students will be able to sign each other's shirt and be involved in a year group photograph. The event will commence following the English Language exam on that day and conclude at approximately 12:25pm. **Please note: Shirts cannot be signed prior to this as students will need to wear them in the examination. Having any writing on the shirt would breach the regulations of an exam and could cause issues for your child in sitting their English examination on this day.** The signed shirts will be kept at home as a memento and will not form part of your child's uniform whilst they engage with their remaining exams.

Leavers' Assembly – Monday 22nd June 2026

The Leavers' Assembly will take place on Monday 22nd June 2026. The assembly will commence at 8:40am and conclude at approximately 9:50am. The leavers' assembly will be led by Mr Conway, and will be a wonderful opportunity for us to celebrate your child's time at Garstang Community Academy with staff and form tutors. Your child is permitted to attend the event (**unless you are informed otherwise**) in suitable non-uniform attire.

Year 11 Prom – Thursday 2nd July 2026

The Prom will be hosted at Barton Grange Hotel and we expect students to arrive from 6pm and the event will conclude at 10.45pm. Your child will be informed if they are able to attend over the coming weeks, as they have been working towards a criteria of improved attendance and positive conduct balance.

Results' Day – Thursday 20th August 2026

Results can be collected from school on **Thursday 20th August 2026** from **10am until 11.30am.** Results will also be available via the MCAS student portal from 12:00pm on that morning for those not attending in person.

Uniform Request

If you are in a position to donate any items of your child's uniform, please ask your child to hand them to Mr Conway or at the main school office at the start of Leavers' Assembly on Monday 22nd June.

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We continue to be here to support you and your child on the conclusion of their educational journey. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if we can be of assistance during this fundamental time of your child's education.

Best wishes,

Simon Stott
Assistant Headteacher