2nd April 2025

Dear Parent,

The second round of Mock exams went well, and we commend pupils for their excellent conduct throughout. Results we be shared with you after Easter. There are sessions being held in school in the first week of the Easter holiday as follows:

	MORNING SESSION	AFTERNOON SESSION
MONDAY	PE (T9) OR Dance (studio) OR Computer Science (T7)	
TUESDAY	English Paper 1 (R7/R8/R9/R10)	English Paper 2 (R7/R8/R9/R10) OR Biology (M14)
WEDNESDAY	Geography (M15/M16)	
THURSDAY	Spanish (R1)	History (M24)

It is now only 5 weeks until the exams begin! I have included an exam timetable at the end of this letter. You will see how packed the schedule is, making it important to get started with a 'little and often' every day in the following ways:

- Completing past paper questions (packs of papers have been shared and are available online)
- Watching YouTube tutorials. There are several that have been proven to support revision like mathsgenie.com (maths), freesciencelessons.com (science) and Mr Salles (English).
- Using revision websites like savemyexams.com, senecalearning.com or GCSEPod.

Research recommends that pupils are 'active' when using these resources by summarising information while they are learning. There are three straightforward ways to do this:

- Making flash cards
- Drawing mind maps
- Writing Cornell notes

If you would like any more information about the exams, please email me at k.parker@holyfamilyhighschool.co.uk

Yours sincerely,

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Deputy Head, Standards and Curriculum.

		2025 GCSE EXAM TIMETABLE				
		Morning Exam 9:00am Start	Time	**Afternoon Exam 1:00pm Start**	Time	
Thursday	8th May	Drama	1hr 45			
Friday	9th May					
Monday	12th May	English Literature Paper 1	1hr 45	Computer Science Paper 1	1hr 30	
Tuesday	13th May	RE paper 1	1hr 30	Biology Paper 1	1hr 15 / 1hr 45	
Wednesday	14th May	Geography Paper 1	1hr 30			
Thursday	15th May	Maths Paper 1	1hr 30			
Friday	16th May	History Paper 1 (Crime and Punishment)	1hr 20	Health and Social Care	1hr 30	
Monday	19th May	Chemistry Paper 1	1hr 15 / 1hr 45	PE / NCFE Food and Cookery	2hr / 1hr30	
Tuesday	20th May	English Literature Paper 2	2hr 15	Computer Science Paper 2	1hr 30	
Wednesday	21st May	French Listening and Reading		RE Paper 2	1hr 30	
Thursday	22nd May	Physics Paper 1	1hr 15 / 1hr 45	Engineering	1hr 30	
Friday	23rd May	English Langugage Paper 1	1hr 55			
		MAY HALF TERM HOLIDAYS				
Monday	2nd June			Dance	1hr 30	
Tuesday	3rd June					
Wednesday	4th June	Maths Paper 2	1hr 30	RE paper 3	1hr	
Thursday	5th June	History Paper 2 (Superpowers)	1hr 50	French Writing	1hr 15	
Friday	6th June	English Langugage Paper 2	1hr 55	Geogrpahy Paper 2	1hr 30	
Monday	9th June	Biology Paper 2	1hr 15 / 1hr 45			
Tuesday	10th June	Spanish Listening and Reading		History paper 3 (Nazi Germany)	1hr 30	
Wednesday	11th June	Maths Paper 3	1hr 30	Geography Paper 3	1hr 30	
Thursday	12th June					
Friday	13th June	Chemistry Paper 2	1hr 15 / 1hr 45			
Monday	16th June	Physics Paper 2	1hr 15 / 1hr 45			
Tuesday	17th June	Spanish Writing	1hr 15	Food (online)	1hr 45	