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**GCSE Examinations Calendar**

**May to June – Summer 2026**

**Notes:**

1. **All morning examinations begin at 9:00, students should meet in the dining hall no later than 8:30.**
2. **All afternoon examinations begin at 1:15, students should meet in the activity room no later than 1:00.**
3. **Students are reminded that mobile phones, watches of any type and written notes are not allowed in the examination room.**
4. **Students are encouraged to take a bottle of water into the examination room but remember clear plastic bottles only.**
5. **All coats, bags and other items should be left in the activity room prior to going into the examination room.**
6. **Students are reminded that there should be no talking or communication after you enter the examination room.**
7. **Students should always follow the instructions of the invigilators.**

**Personalised timetables with rooms and seat numbers will be distributed before the Easter break.**

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| May 2026 |  |  |
| Thursday 7th |  | **(AQA 8662/L) German – Listening** (Foundation & Higher)  Foundation - 35 mins or Higher - 45 mins  **(AQA 8662/R) German – Reading** (Foundation & Higher)  Foundation - 45 mins or Higher - 60 mins |
| Friday 8th | **(OCR R184) Sports Studies**  Contemporary issues in sport  75 mins | **(AQA 8261/W) Drama**  105 mins |
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| Monday 11th | **(WJEC C720U10 - 1) English Literature - Component 1:** Shakespeare  120 mins | **(Edexcel 1BS0/01) Business Paper 1**  Investigating Small Business  105 mins  **(Edexcel 1CN0/1H) Chinese: Listening and Understanding in Chinese** (Higher)  45 mins  **(Edexcel 1CN0/1H) Chinese: Reading and Understanding in Chinese** (Higher)  65 mins |
| Tuesday 12th | **(AQA 8062/13 & 8062/16) Religious Studies Paper 1** Christianity & Judaism  (105 mins) | **(AQA 8461/01) Biology Paper 1** (Foundation & Higher)  (105 mins)  **(AQA 8464/B/1) Combined Science Trilogy – Biology Paper 1** (Foundation & Higher)  75 mins |
| Wednesday 13th | **(AQA 8035/1) Geography Paper 1**  Living with the Physical Environment  90 mins | **(Edexcel 1CP2/01) Computer Science Paper 1**  Principles of Computer Science  90 mins |
| Thursday 14th | **(Edexcel 1MA1/01) Mathematics Paper 1**  Non-calculator (Foundation & Higher)  90 mins | **(AQA 8662/W) German – Writing** (Foundation & Higher)  Foundation 70 mins or Higher 75 mins |
| Friday 15th |  | **(Edexcel 1HI0/11) History Paper 1:**  Medicine in Britain  80 mins |
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| Monday 18th | **(AQA 8462/1) Chemistry Paper 1** (Foundation & Higher)  105 mins  **(AQA 8464/C/1) Combined Science Trilogy – Chemistry Paper 1** (Foundation & Higher)  75 mins | **(Edexcel 1CN0 4H) Chinese Paper 4**  Writing in Chinese (Higher)  (85 mins)  **(AQA 8648/L) Urdu – Listening** (Higher)  45 mins  **(AQA 8648/R) Urdu – Reading** (Higher)  60 mins |
| Tuesday 19th | **(WJEC C270U20 - 1) English Literature – Component 2:** Prose & Poetry  (150 mins) | **(Edexcel 1CP2/02) Computer Science Paper 2:** Application of Computational Thinking (Onscreen)  120 mins |
| Wednesday 20th | **(AQA 8652/L) French – Listening** (Foundation & Higher)  Foundation 35 mins or Higher 45 mins  **(AQA 8652/R) French – Reading** (Foundation & Higher)  Foundation 45 mins or Higher 60 mins | **(AQA 8062/2A) Religious Studies Paper 2**  Thematic Texts (excluding textual studies)  (105 mins) |
| Thursday 21st | **(WJEC C700U10 - 1) English Language – Component 1** 20th Century Literature  105 mins | **Edexcel 1BS0/02) Business Paper 2**  Building a Business  105 mins |
| Friday 22nd | **(AQA 8582/1) Physical Education Paper 1**  The human body and movement in physical activity and sport  75 mins |  |
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|  | **Monday 25th May to Friday 29th** | **Half Term** |
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| June 2025 |  |  |
| Monday 1st | **(AQA 8582/2) Physical Education Paper 2**  Socio-cultural influences and well-being in physical activity and sport  75 mins  **(Edexcel 1JA0/1H) Japanese: Listening and Understanding in Japanese** (Higher)  45 mins  **(Edexcel 1JA0/3H) Japanese: Reading and Understanding in Japanese** (Higher)  65 mins | **(OCR R014) Engineering Manufacture**  Principles of Engineering Manufacture  75 mins |
| Tuesday 2nd | **(AQA 8463/1) Physics Paper 1** (Foundation & Higher)  105 mins  **(AQA 8464/P/1) Combined Science Trilogy – Physics Paper 1** (Foundation & Higher)  75 mins | **(Edexcel 1STO /1) Statistics Paper 1**  (Foundation)  90 mins  **(AQA 8688/L) Polish – Listening** (Higher)  45 mins  **(AQA 8688/R) Polish – Reading** (Higher)  60 mins  **(AQA 8648/W) Urdu – Writing** (Higher)  75 mins  **(Edexcel 1PN0/1H) Persian: Listening and Understanding in Persian** (Higher)  45 mins  **(Edexcel 1PN0/3H) Persian: Reading and Understanding in Persian** (Higher)  65 mins  **(Edexcel 1RU0/1H) Russian: Listening and Understanding in Russian** (Higher)  45 mins  **(Edexcel 1RU0/3H) Russian: Reading and Understanding in Russian** (Higher)  65 mins |
| Wednesday 3rd | **(Edexcel 1MA1/2) Mathematics Paper 2**  Calculator (Foundation & Higher)  90 mins | **(AQA 8035/2) Geography – Paper 2**  Challenges in the Human Environment  90 mins |
| Thursday 4th | **(Edexcel 1HI0/B2/P4) History Paper 2**  King Richard, King John & Superpower Relations  110 mins | **(AQA 8652/W) French – Writing** (Foundation & Higher)  Foundation 70 mins or Higher 75 mins |
| Friday 5th | **WJEC C700U20-1) English Language – Component 2** Non-fiction 19th & 20th Century  120 mins | **(Edexcel 1MU0/03) Music - Component 3**  Appraising  105 mins |
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| Monday 8th | **(AQA 8461/2) Biology Paper 2** (Foundation & Higher)  105 mins  **(AQA 8464/B/2) Combined Science Trilogy –**  **Biology Paper 2** (Foundation & Higher)  75 mins |  |
| Tuesday 9th | **(AQA 8692/LH) Spanish – Listening** (Higher)  45 mins  **(AQA 8692/RH) Spanish – Reading** (Higher)  60 mins  **(Edexcel 1JA0 4H) Japanese Paper 4**  Writing in Japanese (Higher)  (85 mins) | **(Edexcel 1HI0/31) History Paper 3**  Weimar & Nazi Germany  90 mins |
| Wednesday 10th | **(Edexcel 1MA1/3) Mathematics Paper 3**  Calculator (Foundation & Higher)  90 mins | **(Edexcel 1RU0 4H) Russian – Writing** (Higher)  Writing in Russian (Higher)  (85 mins) |
| Thursday 11th | **(AQA 8035/3) Geography – Paper 3**  Geographical Applications  90 mins | **(AQA 8585/W) Food Preparation & Nutrition**  105 mins) |
| Friday 12th | **AQA 8462/2) Chemistry Paper 2** (Foundation & Higher)  105 mins  **(AQA 8464/C/2) Combined Science Trilogy – Chemistry Paper 2** (Foundation & Higher)  75 min | **(Edexcel 1STO/2) Statistics Paper 2**  (Foundation)  90 mins  **(AQA 8688/W) Polish – Writing** (Higher)  Higher 75 mins  **(Edexcel 1PN0 4H) Persian – Writing** (Higher)  Writing in Persian (Higher)  (85 mins) |
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| Monday 15th | **(AQA 8463/2) Physics Paper 2** (Foundation & Higher)  105 mins  **(AQA 8464/P/2) Combined Science Trilogy – Physics Paper 2** (Foundation & Higher)  75 mins |  |
| Tuesday 16th | **(AQA 8698/WH) Spanish – Writing** (Higher)  75 mins |  |
| Wednesday 17th | **Reserve Day** | **Reserve Day** |

**Absence:**

If a student is going to miss an exam they should contact the school, explain why they are missing the exam and get advice on what to do next.

**Reception Tel: 733192**

If a student needs to get medical attention during the GCSE examination period, they should ask for a note from the doctor that can be used as evidence when the school claims for special consideration.

**Food & Water:**

Students are advised to bring a small bottle of water to each examination, the bottle must be transparent, resealable and have had all the labels removed from it. Students are not permitted to have food, sweets etc. in the examination room.

**Bags & Coats:**

Students will leave their coats and bags in the activity room in the area outside the sports hall. This room will be locked securely during the examination.

Candidates must leave their mobile phones, watches, and any other unauthorised materials in their bags – mobile phones must be switched off.

**Seating Plans:**

For all examinations seating plans will be place in the dining hall and sports hall before each examination. If they cannot find their seat on the seating plan, they should contact a member of the exams team.

**Emergency Procedure:**

If the fire alarms sound during an examination, students should listen carefully to the invigilator and follow their instructions.

If we need to evacuate an exam room, students remain under exam conditions – they **MUST** avoid any communication with anyone other than exams staff.