



27 April 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

As our Year 11 students approach the GCSE examination season, I wanted to take the opportunity to explain our procedures over the next couple of months.

Unless we have spoken to you about a specific set of circumstances, **all students** will remain in school until **Friday 22 May 2026** (the last day before half term). On this day we will be able to celebrate with the students their 5 years in our school with a Leavers' Assembly and shirt signing. Students need to bring in a spare shirt in their bags so that they can change into them in the afternoon session. We will follow the shirt signing with their last assembly.

GCSE examinations start this week with MFL Speaking Exams and written GCSE papers start on Monday 11 May 2026. Once students return after May half-term (Monday 1 June 2026) they need to come into school **only** for **examinations or revision** sessions. All students have a timetable indicating the timings of examinations for which they are entered, and they have been reminded of revision sessions for the various subjects. Students have been informed that they need to sign in and out (a legal requirement) on the attendance register outside English 11 on the days that they are in school. Also, those students with examinations in the subjects still outstanding after half-term should continue to attend their regular lessons.

All students will be expected to wear full school uniform for the duration of the examinations. Having spoken to several parents, I know that some of you are keen to book holidays at the conclusion of the GCSE examinations. Students must be available up to and **including Wednesday 24 June 2026**, as this is the final contingency date if there are any issues with national examinations.

I would just like to take this opportunity to thank you for the support, help and encouragement that you have given to both the students and our school over the last five years, it has been hugely appreciated.

I would also like to wish you and your son or daughter every success and happiness in the future.

Yours faithfully

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