

April 2026

**GCSE Exams at a Glance, Year 11 Revision Sessions and Silent Study Space**

Dear Parents and Carers

Your child has had a provisional list of their examination entries and dates. Rooming and seating are currently being finalised and a confirmed timetable with rooms and seat numbers will be released to students in the week before the exams begin. Please find attached to this letter an overview of the examinations in each subject to further support preparation and revision.

When examinations begin on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May, students will continue to attend school for a combination of lessons, examinations and scheduled revision sessions until 12.30 on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May; from this point students will be on exam leave. Students who are in receipt of free school meals will be able to purchase food from the POD or canteen when they are in school, however, to avoid food wastage the canteen will not be preparing food for the wider year group. Please note there cannot be any casual visits to the school site after May 19<sup>th</sup>.

**A final reminder - Students must arrive on time and in full school uniform (not signed school shirts) for each examination and with the relevant school equipment.** Morning exams begin at 9.00 am and afternoon exams begin at 1.30 pm. Students who rely on public transport need to ensure they leave with plenty of time to get to school. The examinations are part of a rigorous national process and therefore timings cannot be adjusted for transport issues. As detailed in our letter from March failure to attend school and examinations in full school uniform will jeopardise attendance at the Year 11 prom. Mobile phones and all watches must be turned off and handed to the invigilators in the provided exam wallets. Students are reminded to use clear pencil cases for exam equipment, remove labels from water bottles and ensure they have calculators for the relevant examinations.

There will be a number of revision sessions over the exam period; these will take the form of taught sessions or drop-in sessions. Where departments have planned a taught session students must arrive for the start of the session; for drop-in sessions teaching colleagues will be available for the duration of the session to provide support. The revision session timetable will be with you shortly.

From Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May there may be students who are **unable** to go home in between morning and afternoon exams. For those students we will provide a silent study space; the location will be signposted in the school foyer. We have looked at the timetable and identified the dates listed on the attached pages as potential times when students in this position may need to use the study space before an afternoon examination. This study space will only be available from the end of a morning examination until 12.40 and will be supervised by a member of staff. Students who are using this space will be expected to stay on the school site for lunchtime before their afternoon examination. We expect students to bring revision materials with them in order to revise in silence. For safeguarding reasons students must commit to using the study space for the duration of the session and cannot opt in and out; we will be creating a register from the reply slip returns and deploying staff to supervise; please note we will contact families where students do not attend. In addition, please be aware that we are financially committing to staffing the study room so do please ensure your child is equally committed to using it. If your child is **unable** to go home in between morning and afternoon exams and requires this space, please complete the reply slip indicating which sessions will be required.

As always please do let me know if there is anything else we can support you with.

Yours sincerely,



Ms Harkiran Grewal  
Co-Head of School

## Study Space

**Please return to Ms Grewal before Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

Name of Student: ..... Form: .....

All study room sessions begin at the end of the morning examination and end at 12.40. Students will be expected to stay on the school site at lunchtime before afternoon examinations begin. Please tick the sessions your child requires.

Date	Start	Board	Unit Code	Component	Duration	Study Room - Tick if required
Thu 07 May	9:00AM	Edexcel	1TU0 1H+3H	Turkish Listening & Reading (Higher)	45 + 65 mins	No Study Room.
Thu 07 May	1:30PM	AQA	8662/LF+RF	German Listening & Reading (Foundation)	35 + 45 mins	
Thu 07 May	1:30PM	AQA	8662/LH+RH	German Listening & Reading (Higher)	45 + 60 mins	
Fri 08 May	1:30PM	WJEC	C690U30-1	Drama Component 3: Interpreting Theatre	90 mins	
Mon 11 May	9:00AM	AQA	8702/1	English Literature Paper 1	105 mins	
Mon 11 May	1:30PM	AQA	8673/LF+RF	Chinese (Spoken Mandarin) Listening & Reading (Foundation)	35 + 45 mins	
Mon 11 May	1:30PM	AQA	8673/LH+RH	Chinese (Spoken Mandarin) Listening & Reading (Higher)	45 + 60 mins	
Mon 11 May	1:30PM	Edexcel	1CN01H+3H	Chinese (Cantonese) Listening & Reading (Higher)	45 + 65 mins	
Mon 11 May	1:30PM	Edexcel	1BS0 01	Business: Investigating Small Business	105 mins	
Tue 12 May	9:00AM	Edexcel	1RB0 1B	Religious Studies: Christianity	105 mins	
Tue 12 May	1:30PM	OCR	J247/01	Biology Paper 1 (Foundation)	105 mins	
Tue 12 May	1:30PM	OCR	J247/03	Biology Paper 3 (Higher)	105 mins	
Tue 12 May	1:30PM	OCR	J250/01	Combined Science Paper 1: Biology (Foundation)	70 mins	
Tue 12 May	1:30PM	OCR	J250/07	Combined Science Paper 7: Biology (Higher)	70 mins	
Wed 13 May	9:00AM	OCR	J384/01	Geography: Our Natural World	90 mins	
Wed 13 May	1:30PM	OCR	J277/01	Computer Science: Computer Systems	90 mins	
Thu 14 May	9:00AM	OCR	J560/01	Maths Paper 1 (Foundation)	90 mins	
Thu 14 May	9:00AM	OCR	J560/04	Maths Paper 4 (Higher)	90 mins	
Thu 14 May	1:30PM	AQA	8662/WF	German Writing (Foundation)	70 mins	
Thu 14 May	1:30PM	AQA	8662/WH	German Writing (Higher)	75 mins	
Fri 15 May	9:00AM	OCR	J411/21	History: History Around Us	60 mins	
Mon 18 May	9:00AM	OCR	J248/01	Chemistry Paper 1 (Foundation)	105 mins	
Mon 18 May	9:00AM	OCR	J248/03	Chemistry Paper 3 (Higher)	105 mins	
Mon 18 May	9:00AM	OCR	J250/03	Combined Science Paper 3: Chemistry (Foundation)	70 mins	
Mon 18 May	9:00AM	OCR	J250/09	Combined Science Paper 9: Chemistry (Higher)	70 mins	
Mon 18 May	1:30PM	AQA	8673/WF	Chinese (Spoken Mandarin) Writing (Foundation)	60 mins	
Mon 18 May	1:30PM	AQA	8673/WH	Chinese (Spoken Mandarin) Writing (Higher)	75 mins	
Mon 18 May	1:30PM	Edexcel	1CN0 4H	Chinese (Cantonese) Writing (Higher)	85 mins	

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Mon 18 May	1:30PM	WJEC	5799U30-1	Vocational Engineering: Solving Engineering Problems	90 mins	
Tue 19 May	9:00AM	AQA	8702/2	English Literature Paper 2 <b>Exam Leave begins after the English exam.</b>	135 mins	
Tue 19 May	1:30PM	OCR	J277/02	Computer Science: Comp.Thinking, Algorithms & Prog.	90 mins	
Wed 20 May	9:00AM	AQA	8652/LF+RF	French Reading & Listening (Foundation)	35 + 45 mins	
Wed 20 May	9:00AM	AQA	8652/LH+RH	French Reading & Listening (Higher)	45 + 60 mins	
Wed 20 May	1:30PM	Edexcel	1RB0 2C	Religious Studies: Islam	105 mins	
Thu 21 May	9:00AM	AQA	8700/1	English Language Paper 1	105 mins	
Thu 21 May	1:30PM	Edexcel	1BS0 02	Business: Building a Business	105 mins	
Fri 22 May	9:00AM	Edexcel	1AA0 1H+3H	Arabic Listening & Reading (Higher)	45 + 65 mins	No Study Room.
Fri 22 May	9:00AM	AQA	8582/1	Physical Education Paper 1	75 mins	
Fri 22 May	9:00AM	Edexcel	1TU0 4H	Turkish Writing (Higher)	85 mins	
Mon 01 Jun	9:00AM	AQA	8582/2	Physical Education Paper 2	75 mins	No Study Room.
Tue 02 Jun	9:00AM	OCR	J249/01	Physics Paper 1 (Foundation)	105 mins	
Tue 02 Jun	9:00AM	OCR	J249/03	Physics Paper 3 (Higher)	105 mins	
Tue 02 Jun	9:00AM	OCR	J250/05	Combined Science Paper 5: Physics (Foundation)	70 mins	
Tue 02 Jun	9:00AM	OCR	J250/11	Combined Science Paper 11: Physics (Higher)	70 mins	
Tue 02 Jun	1:30PM	Edexcel	1RU0 1H+3H	Russian Listening & Reading (Higher)	45 + 65 mins	
Tue 02 Jun	1:30PM	Edexcel	1PN0 1H+3H	Persian Listening & Reading (Higher)	45 + 65 mins	
Tue 02 Jun	1:30PM	AQA	8683/LH+RH	Punjabi Listening & Reading (Higher)	45 + 60 mins	
Tue 02 Jun	1:30PM	Edexcel	1AA0 4H	Arabic Writing (Higher)	85 mins	
Wed 03 Jun	9:00AM	OCR	J560/02	Maths Paper 2 (Foundation)	90 mins	
Wed 03 Jun	9:00AM	OCR	J560/05	Maths Paper 5 (Higher)	90 mins	
Wed 03 Jun	1:30PM	OCR	J384/02	Geography: People & Society	90 mins	
Thu 04 Jun	9:00AM	OCR	J411/11	History: Peoples' Health & Norman Conquest	105 mins	
Thu 04 Jun	1:30PM	AQA	8652/WF	French Writing (Foundation)	70 mins	
Thu 04 Jun	1:30PM	AQA	8652/WH	French Writing (Higher)	75 mins	
Fri 05 Jun	9:00AM	AQA	8700/2	English Language Paper 2	105 mins	
Fri 05 Jun	1:30PM	AQA	8271/W	Music: Understanding Music	90 mins	
Mon 08 Jun	9:00AM	OCR	J247/02	Biology Paper 2 (Foundation)	105 mins	
Mon 08 Jun	9:00AM	OCR	J247/04	Biology Paper 4 (Higher)	105 mins	
Mon 08 Jun	9:00AM	OCR	J250/02	Combined Science Paper 2: Biology (Foundation)	70 mins	
Mon 08 Jun	9:00AM	OCR	J250/08	Combined Science Paper 8: Biology (Higher)	70 mins	

Date	Start	Board	Unit Code	Component	Duration	Study Room - Tick if required
Mon 08 Jun	1:30PM	AQA	8365/1	Further Mathematics Paper 1	105 mins	
Tue 09 Jun	9:00AM	AQA	8692/LF+RF	Spanish Listening & Reading (Foundation)	35 + 45 mins	
Tue 09 Jun	9:00AM	AQA	8692/LH+RH	Spanish Listening & Reading (Higher)	45 + 60 mins	
Tue 09 Jun	1:30PM	OCR	J411/39	History: Making of America & Living Under Nazi Rule	105 mins	
Wed 10 Jun	9:00AM	OCR	J560/03	Maths Paper 3 (Foundation)	90 mins	
Wed 10 Jun	9:00AM	OCR	J560/06	Maths Paper 6 (Higher)	90 mins	
Wed 10 Jun	1:30PM	Edexcel	1GK0 1H+3H	Greek Listening & Reading (Higher)	45 + 65 mins	
Wed 10 Jun	1:30PM	AQA	8683/WH	Punjabi Writing (Higher)	75 mins	
Wed 10 Jun	1:30PM	Edexcel	1RU0 4H	Russian Writing (Higher)	85 mins	
Wed 10 Jun	1:30PM	OCR	J310/01	Design & Technology: Principles of D&T	120 mins	
Thu 11 Jun	9:00AM	OCR	J384/03	Geography: Geographical Exploration	90 mins	
Thu 11 Jun	1:30PM	AQA	8585/W	Food Preparation & Nutrition	105 mins	
Fri 12 Jun	9:00AM	OCR	J248/02	Chemistry Paper 2 (Foundation)	105 mins	
Fri 12 Jun	9:00AM	OCR	J248/04	Chemistry Paper 4 (Higher)	105 mins	
Fri 12 Jun	9:00AM	OCR	J250/04	Combined Science Paper 4: Chemistry (Foundation)	70 mins	
Fri 12 Jun	9:00AM	OCR	J250/10	Combined Science Paper 10: Chemistry (Higher)	70 mins	
Fri 12 Jun	1:30PM	Edexcel	1PN0 4H	Persian Writing (Higher)	85 mins	
Fri 12 Jun	1:30PM	WJEC	5409UB0-1	Catering: The Hospitality & Catering Industry	80 mins	
Mon 15 Jun	9:00AM	OCR	J249/02	Physics Paper 2 (Foundation)	105 mins	
Mon 15 Jun	9:00AM	OCR	J249/04	Physics Paper 4 (Higher)	105 mins	
Mon 15 Jun	9:00AM	OCR	J250/06	Combined Science Paper 6: Physics (Foundation)	70 mins	
Mon 15 Jun	9:00AM	OCR	J250/12	Combined Science Paper 12: Physics (Higher)	70 mins	
Mon 15 Jun	1:30PM	AQA	8365/2	Further Mathematics Paper 2	105 mins	
Tue 16 Jun	9:00AM	AQA	8692/WF	Spanish Writing (Foundation)	70 mins	
Tue 16 Jun	9:00AM	AQA	8692/WH	Spanish Writing (Higher)	75 mins	
Wed 17 Jun	9:00AM	Edexcel	1GK0 4H	Greek Writing (Higher)	85 mins	
Wed 24 Jun	All	N/A	N/A	JCQ CONTINGENCY DAY	N/A	