

23 May 2024

Dear parents and carers

## **The remaining weeks of the GCSE exam season.**

Year 11 have made a great start to their exams.

Via the link below is a video of me providing an update on what lies ahead as we get to the halfway point in your child's GCSE exam season. Click on the link to view it:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/6d\\_TsilvpVddA4TKpzVAmWAdTAF6p1puiX96GaRQNG0wPZyhL\\_nMz1I6WBo9rBZW.9qj2c37w4GVZ\\_nFR?startTime=1716388177000](https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/6d_TsilvpVddA4TKpzVAmWAdTAF6p1puiX96GaRQNG0wPZyhL_nMz1I6WBo9rBZW.9qj2c37w4GVZ_nFR?startTime=1716388177000)

Attendance and punctuality have been excellent. Attitude in the actual exams has been very impressive, with students working hard throughout the time and following the guidance of teachers on how best to pace themselves through the time and paper.

Thank you for all you are doing to keep them buoyant and focused on what lies ahead. As you know, there is still some way to go. This letter sets out how we are managing the complexity of remaining lessons, the exams schedule and appropriate use of study leave.

Look closely at the tables on the next two pages to see how we are managing the timetable and exams on a day by day basis.

Where we are able, we want to be able to continue with lessons in subjects that are still to be examined right up to the exam. We know from year to year that this is the best approach so that students are not in some way disadvantaged where a subject is later in the exam series.

We also know that after an exam, students can be tense and tired and so we are being both sensitive and sensible about when it might make sense to have an earlier finish or later start where possible.

Your child has been told in school today during period 6 of the content of this letter and day-by-day timetable for after half term.

We will remind students each day of the arrangements for that day. This letter will also appear on our school website.

With kind thanks for your continuing support to us through the exam season and wishing your child continuing best wishes for great success in their remaining exams.

**Kieran Larkin**  
Headteacher

## CARING, LEARNING AND SUCCEEDING

## Year 11 day by day arrangements for lessons, examinations and study leave: June 2024

Date	Examination (morning)	Examination (afternoon)	Amended timetable
<b>Monday 3rd June</b>	Mathematics Paper 2 (Calculator)	Physical Education Socio-cultural issues and sports psychology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All students will attend periods 1 and 2 as normal for the Maths exam.</li> <li>Periods 3,4 and 5 will continue as normal.</li> <li>Period 5, PE students will sit the exam and then be escorted off site when the exam is completed.</li> <li>Period 6, students in 11A French and 11A Photography will go to their line up spot and then be escorted off site via B block gate.</li> </ul>
<b>Tues 4th June</b>	Spanish Listening and Reading (Higher and Foundation)	History Paper 2: British depth study & Period study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All students will attend periods 1 to 4 as normal unless they are sitting the Spanish exam during periods 1 and 2.</li> <li>Spanish exam students will attend periods 3 and 4.</li> <li>At the end of period 4, students in 11A French, 11A PE and 11A Photography for periods 5 and 6 will be allowed to leave school.</li> <li>Period 5, students studying History will go to the History exam.</li> <li>Students not in the History exam, 11A French, 11A PE or 11A Photography will attend periods 5 and 6 as normal.</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 5th June</b>	Geography Paper 2	No exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students studying Geography will sit the exam periods 1 and 2, and then attend lessons from P3.</li> <li>Students not in the Geography exam will attend lessons as normal for periods 1 to 4.</li> <li>At the end of period 4, students in 11B Art, 11B Computing and 11B PE for periods 5 and 6 will be allowed to leave school.</li> <li>All other students will attend period 5 and 6 as normal.</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday 6th June</b>	English Language Component 2	No exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All students attend periods 1 and 2 as normal for the English Language exam.</li> <li>Periods 3,4 and 5 will run as normal lessons.</li> <li>Period 6, students in Y band English (only) will go to their line up spot and then be escorted off site via B block gate.</li> </ul>
<b>Friday 7th June</b>	No exam	Biology Paper 2 Combined Science: Trilogy Biology Paper 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students in 11c DT, Food, Geography and History will attend school as normal and attend periods 1 and 2.</li> <li>Students in 11c Art, Drama and PE, can revise at home and arrive at school for 10.20 for period 3.</li> <li>Periods 3 and 4 will be a Science revision lesson for all students.</li> <li>Periods 5 and 6, all students attend the Biology paper 2 exam.</li> </ul>

Date	Examination (morning)	Examination (afternoon)	Amended timetable
<b>Monday 10th June</b>	Mathematics Paper 3 (Calculator)	Spanish Paper 4 (Higher and Foundation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All students attend the Maths paper 3 exam for periods 1 and 2.</li> <li>Periods 3 and 4, there will be Spanish, Geography and History taught revision lessons with Mrs Thorpe, Miss O’Dea Baxter, Mr Reilly, Mr Merrick and Miss Tatton. Students involved in these lessons will be notified by their teacher.</li> <li>Students not involved in the Spanish, History and Geography lessons will be allowed to leave school following the Maths exam.</li> <li>Students involved in the History and Geography lessons will leave school at the end of period 4.</li> <li>Spanish students will sit the exam periods 5 and 6.</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday 11th June</b>	Chemistry Paper 2 Combined Science: Trilogy Paper 2	History Paper 3: Modern depth study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All students attend the Chemistry exam periods 1 and 2.</li> <li>Students not involved in the periods 5 and 6 History exam, will be allowed to leave school at the end of the Chemistry exam.</li> <li>For students involved in the periods 5 and 6 History exam there will be taught History revision lessons periods 3 and 4. Students involved in these lessons will be notified by their teacher.</li> <li>Mr Merrick will provide a video lesson for Geography students to be accessed remotely.</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Persian: Reading and Listening	Polish: Reading and Listening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students not involved in the Persian exam periods 1 and 2, <b>do not need to attend school until 10.20, via the Newton Road entrance.</b></li> <li>Periods 3 and 4, there will be taught Science revision lessons with all students expected to attend.</li> <li>Following period 4, students will be allowed to leave school unless they are involved in the Polish exam.</li> <li>Video lessons will be provided for students in DT, Food, Music, Geography and History.</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June</b>	No exam	No exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Periods 3 and 4</b>, there will be taught Science revision lessons with <b>all students expected to attend.</b></li> <li>Students do not need to attend periods 1 and 2 <b>but must be in school by 10.20, via the Newton road entrance.</b></li> <li>Students will leave school at the end of period 4.</li> </ul>

Date	Examination (morning)	Examination (afternoon)	Amended timetable
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Geography Paper 3	Combined Science: Trilogy Physics Paper 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students involved in the Geography exam will attend periods 1 and 2 as normal.</li> <li>• Students in the Geography exam will attend period 3 as normal and revise for the Physics exam in lesson time.</li> <li>• <b><i>Students not in the Geography exam can revise at home but need to be at school for 11.20, ready for period 4. Entrance via Newton Road.</i></b></li> <li>• Period 4 will be a Science taught revision session for all students.</li> <li>• Period 5 and 6, all students attend the Biology paper 2 exam.</li> </ul>

For most students, their last exam will be the Science or Geography exam on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June.

However, there are exams for the following subjects in the week beginning Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June:

- *Music – 17<sup>th</sup> June PM*
- *Design technology – 18<sup>th</sup> June AM*
- *Food Preparation and Nutrition - 19<sup>th</sup> June AM*

During this week, Students in these subjects need only to attend the examinations.

All students need to be available for the contingency sessions in the event of significant national or local disruption to examinations in the United Kingdom on the following dates:

- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June PM
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June PM
- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June AM and PM