



30th April 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

GCSE Summer Exam Series

Firstly, I would like to advise how fantastic our students are performing in the build-up to the beginning of their GCSE summer exam series. Although it can be a challenging time, we are seeing students rise to the occasion with positivity, real resiliency and preparing in the right spirit.

We are really proud of their achievements this year during the two mock series and are looking forward to celebrating excellent academic achievement on results day.

I would like to outline the next steps of what student lessons will look like during the exam series and to reaffirm our continued expectations regarding our shared standards.

Expectations

The summer exams run until **Wednesday 18th June** with the last whole cohort exam running on **Monday 16th June**. Students are **expected to attend school** as normal to give them the very best opportunity to succeed until **Monday 16th June**. There will be a leavers assembly and celebration event at **3:45pm on Wednesday 25th June** on the exam contingency day. Further communication regarding this will be sent out in due course.

Please be aware that we do not offer study leave as this would disadvantage your child. Students would not receive the resources, revision sessions and contact time with subject experts before their upcoming examinations. Students will continue to receive lessons delivered by their class teacher in order to maximise their grades for each subject.

Furthermore, teachers are working hard to ensure that students recover any lost learning, close knowledge gaps and are expertly prepared for their upcoming exams. This time is invaluable in ensuring the greatest possible chance of success and was key to our exam success in the past. We have witnessed, that by being in front of your child's class teacher, this will reduce exam anxiety and will result in a positive results day.

Lessons in subjects which have been completed

For some students, as we progress through the exams, there will be timetabled lessons in which their subject has finished the course, and their examinations are completed. In this instance, students will be expected to bring their revision materials and will have the opportunity to complete structured revision, with staff, for their upcoming exams.

This will be an invaluable opportunity to continue to maximise their grades for these subjects and feeds into our wider revision structure, which we have outlined and revisited throughout the year.

What resources should students have available for revision:

- Subject revision guides
- Leitner cards (flash cards)
- Highlighters and revision exercise books
- Booklets for each subject

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I look forward to students completing exams and for us to have the opportunity to mark our celebrations during our upcoming Prom and Results Day once we have concluded our GCSE series.

Yours sincerely,

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