

2nd May 2024

Dear Year 11 Parent/Carer,

Information regarding GCSE examinations

With the GCSE examination period rapidly approaching, I am writing to share some important information around exam arrangements with you.

As with previous years, there will be no formal study leave period for our Year 11 students. This is because we know that the best place for students to continue to learn and revise is in lessons, in front of their subject-specialist teachers.

The GCSE exam period begins on Thursday 9th May, with Religious Studies and Urdu Listening/Reading being the first exams to take place. Students will be expected to attend all timetabled lessons in school up until the end of the GCSE period. The last official exam is Hospitality and Catering exam taking place on the 20th of June.

Students will be sent home after the afternoon exams, if the exam finishes after 3pm. If the exam finishes earlier they will stay at school until the end of the school day. We may choose to send students home after certain exams, but you will be informed of this by text message.

Wednesday 26th of June is the official Contingency day for exams (in the event of national or significant local disruption), so students must be available until this date.

Please be aware that often at this time of year, there can be fake exam papers which are promoted to students on social media. Students need to be aware that the papers being advertised are almost always fake and that there are serious penalties for engaging with these accounts.

We continue to hold high expectations of our students throughout the exam period, and expect students to attend all lessons and exams on time and in full school uniform. Students must ensure they have a clear pencil case with all equipment needed for each exam.

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Please see guidance here from the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ):

Written exams:

[https://www.jcq.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/IFC-Written Examinations 2324 Revision One FINAL.pdf](https://www.jcq.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/IFC-Written_Examinations_2324_Revision_One_FINAL.pdf)

Exam day: https://www.jcq.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/JCQ-Preparing-to-sit-your-exams-2023_24.pdf

Privacy notice: https://www.jcq.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Information-for-candidates-Privacy-Notice_21-22.pdf

Social media: <https://www.jcq.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/JCQ-Social-Media-Infographic-v6.pdf>

Your child will have received an individual exam timetable so please study this carefully with your child.

For ease, I have summarised key dates in the table below:

GCSE exam period starts	Thursday 9 th May
May half term	Monday 27 th May to Friday 31 st May
Final GCSE exam takes place	Thursday 20 th June
Leavers assembly	Date to be confirmed
Year 11 Prom	Tuesday 9 th July
Year 11 Results Day	Thursday 22 nd August
Certificate Collection	Available from the 25 th November onwards

We understand that the exam season can be a challenging time for students and their parents. We continue to offer support in school for students, included targeted revision and tutoring sessions.

The Year 11 Prom is taking place on Tuesday 9th July at 7pm-11.30pm at The Bristol Hotel. Students can purchase tickets from the Year 11 office for £15.

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Finally, I'd like to thank you for all you are doing to ensure that your child is as prepared as possible for their GCSE exams. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours Sincerely



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