

6<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

After almost five years of incredible hard work, tenacity and commitment, we're delighted to be sending our exceptional year 11 students into the main exam window this week. We're confident that students are as ready as they can be, but it's crucial to note that the hard work is not yet over. The next 6 school weeks (slightly less for some) will most definitely make the difference between one grade or another if students focus themselves fully. This letter will hopefully provide you, as parents/carers, with key information about how week 1 of exams will look.

### Exams Overview

	Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> May
AM				Drama	
PM				German	Business
	Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> May
AM	English Lit	Religious Studies Engineering	Geography	Maths Paper 1	History
PM	Computer Sci Chinese	Biology Synergy	Sport	German	Business
	Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> May
AM	Chemistry	English Lit	French	Physics Synergy	English Lang
PM	Chinese	Child Dev Computer Sci	Religious Studies Business CNAT	Arabic	
Half term Break					
	Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> June
AM	Statistics	Arabic Russian	Maths Paper 2	History	English Lang
PM		Polish		French	Geography
	Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> June
AM	Biology Synergy	Spanish	Maths Paper 3	Geography	Chemistry Synergy
PM	I Media Construction			Hospitality Russian	Statistics Polish
	Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> June
AM	Physics	Spanish			
PM	Music				

## Exams – Guidance

The first exams of the main exam window take place this week. Today we explained to students how the exam window will work, but some key points from this assembly were:

- Morning boosters – These will take place at 7.45am prior to morning exams. For example, on Monday there will be a morning booster session for all students ahead of the first English paper. Our experience of previous students' performance indicates that those who make the most of these extra sessions walk into exams confident, ready and ultimately perform as expected or, more often, better than expected. Whilst not compulsory, anything you can do to support your son/daughters' attendance at these would be appreciated.
- Timekeeping – Morning exams begin promptly at 8.30 and any students who do not attend the morning booster will need to be lined up and ready for 8.20am. We will take a register each morning as students arrive. Whilst we would ideally wish to avoid this, we will (if needed) send staff out to collect any students who are missing. However, we would prefer to avoid this situation and expect all students on site by 8.20am at the latest.
- Attendance – The attendance of year 11 students has improved recently, and this is a sign that students are really getting themselves ready for their exams. From this point onwards we would expect 100% attendance from all students at all times (lessons and exams). Please note, if your son/daughter is unwell on the day of an exam, please make every effort to get them into school and contact the school to explain any difficulties they are having. If we are aware students are not 100% we will apply for 'special consideration' which will be factored in when student's exam papers are marked. If a student doesn't attend, they may get awarded 0 marks for a specific paper and this is the last thing we would want.
- Study leave – We do not facilitate study leave and students will be in school until their last Science exam on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June. We also do not facilitate students leaving school after exams or arriving late for exams. We have put together an incredibly supportive package of pre-exam booster sessions and continued high-quality lessons which all students will need to be part of until they leave us. From my personal experience, this period of 5/6 weeks is the 'difference maker' and the provision we provide is what sets us apart from other schools across the country, as evidenced by the grades our students come out with. We expect 100% of students in school at all times to benefit from the unrivalled support that we provide students throughout the exam window. I cannot stress the importance of this enough.

## Exam Schedule – Week 1 and 2

Please see below, the exam schedule (and associated booster sessions) for the next two weeks. As you can see, we're trying to make the most of every last minute we have and we're making timetable changes to ensure students have as much time with their teacher(s) prior to each individual exam.



**Week Commencing**

**5<sup>th</sup> May**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May**

	Exam	Lessons and Booster Information	
Before School			
Period 1		Normal Lesson	
Period 2		Business Booster	English Booster
Period 3		Business Booster	Normal Lesson
Lunch			
Period 4	GCSE Business	English Booster	
Period 5			
After School			

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May**

	Exam	Lessons and Booster Information	
Before School			
Period 1		Normal Lesson	
Period 2		Normal Lesson	
Period 3		Normal Lesson	
Lunch			
Period 4		Normal Lesson	
Period 5		GCSE Drama Booster	Normal Lesson
After School			German Booster

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May**

	Exam	Lessons and Booster Information
Before School		
Period 1	GCSE Drama	Normal Lesson
Period 2		Normal Lesson
Period 3		Normal lesson
Lunch		
Period 4	German	Normal Lesson
Period 5		Normal Lesson
After School		

Each week you will receive an overview of the week ahead. This will allow you to see what additional opportunities and boosters are being planned and delivered for you.

Spare copies will be available from Miss Clarke, Mrs Rollin, Miss Gough and Reception.

Make the most of every minute, you will be amazing!!!



**Week Commencing**

**12<sup>th</sup> May**

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May**

	Exam	Lessons and Booster Information	
Before School		Geography Booster	
Period 1	Geography	Normal Lesson	
Period 2		German Booster	Normal Lesson
Period 3		Sport Booster	
Lunch			
Period 4	Sport	Normal Lesson	
Period 5		Maths Booster	
After School		Maths Booster	

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May**

	Exam	Lessons and Booster Information	
Before School		English Booster	
Period 1	English Literature		
Period 2			
Period 3		Computer Science Booster	Normal Lesson
Lunch			
Period 4	Computer Science and Chinese	Normal Lesson	
Period 5		Engineering Booster	RS Booster
After School		Normal Lesson	

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May**

	Exam	Lessons and Booster Information	
Before School		RS Booster	Engineering Booster
Period 1	Religious Studies and Engineering	Normal Lesson	
Period 2		Normal Lesson	
Period 3		Science Booster	
Lunch			
Period 4	Biology and Synergy		
Period 5			
After School		Geography Booster	

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May**

	Exam	Lessons and Booster Information	
Before School		Maths Booster	
Period 1	Maths Paper 1		
Period 2			
Period 3		Normal Lesson	
Lunch			
Period 4	German	History Booster	Normal Lesson
Period 5			Normal Lesson
After School		History Booster	

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May**

	Exam	Lessons and Booster Information	
Before School		History Booster	
Period 1	History	Normal Lesson	
Period 2		Business Booster	Normal Lesson
Period 3			Normal Lesson
Lunch			
Period 4	GCSE Business	Normal Lesson	
Period 5		Chemistry Booster	Normal Lesson
After School		Chemistry Booster	

Thank you for your support throughout this year so far. We look forward to working together over the next 5-6 weeks to ensure your son/daughter is supported to achieve their very best.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P. Clarke'.

Miss Clarke  
Assistant Headteacher – Achievement