

23rd January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to provide essential information regarding the upcoming examination period, including attendance expectations, intervention support and student wellbeing.

We are committed to ensuring every student has the best possible opportunity to succeed. To support this, we are currently running targeted intervention sessions designed to close gaps in knowledge and build exam confidence.

Students are encouraged to attend all scheduled intervention sessions. These are vital for clarifying difficult concepts and practicing exam techniques in a supportive environment.

We understand that this can be a demanding time. Please ensure students are getting enough sleep and taking regular breaks. If your child is feeling overwhelmed, please encourage them to speak with their tutor or our pastoral team.

Free Parent Webinar: The GCSE Exam Countdown

To further support families during this period, we are pleased to share a free webinar hosted by Emily Hughes (ex-teacher and author of *GCSE Survival Guide for Parents*). This session is designed to help Year 11 parents and students navigate the final months without stress or "revision battles."

- **Date:** Wednesday 21st Jan, 7–8pm (replay available)
- **Topics:** How preparation should change as exams approach and how to support your child calmly.
- **Registration:** [Save your free place here](#)

Examination Schedule & Attendance

Examinations will take place during the following weeks in February:

- 2–4 February
- 9–13 February
- 23–27 February

Attendance at all scheduled exams is compulsory. Catch-up sessions are strictly limited to students who are absent for genuine medical reasons and can provide official medical evidence.

If a student is unwell on the day of an exam:

1. Notify the school immediately via the absence line: 01582 611600.
2. Provide medical evidence (e.g., a doctor's note or GP appointment confirmation) to the school office.

Frequently Asked Questions

What counts as medical evidence? Official documentation such as a doctor's note, GP appointment confirmation, or hospital letter.

Can a catch-up exam be arranged for non-medical reasons? No. Catch-up exams will not be arranged for absences (such as holidays or transport issues) that are not supported by medical evidence.

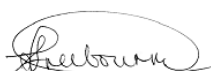
What happens if a student misses an exam without valid evidence? In these circumstances, a catch-up exam cannot be offered, and the student may receive a mark of zero for that paper.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring our students are healthy, prepared, and present for their examinations.

Mock Exam Timetable

MOCK EXAM TIMETABLE SPRING 2026											
	Exam Starters	PERIOD 1 9.00 - 10.00	PERIOD 2 10.00 - 11.00	BREAK 11.00 - 11.27	Exam Starters	PERIOD 3 11.27 - 12.25	PERIOD 4 12.25 - 1.30	LUNCH 1.30 - 2.02	Exam Starters	PERIOD 5 2.03 - 3.00	TUTOR 3.00 - 3.20
MONDAY 2ND FEB		MFL speaking									
TUESDAY 3RD FEB		MFL speaking									
WEDNESDAY 4TH FEB		Art				Art				Art	
MONDAY 9TH FEB		English Language 9.00 - 10.45			KLL	Engineering Design 11.30 - 12.45					
TUESDAY 10TH FEB	JHA	Spanish Listening, Reading 9.00 - 10.45				Child Development 11.30 - 12.45			MCU	PE 1 2.05 - 3.05	
WEDNESDAY 11TH FEB		Maths 1 9.00 - 10.30				Combined science - biology 11.30 - 12.45					
THURSDAY 12TH FEB	JHA	French Listening, Reading 9.00 - 10.45				History 11.30 - 12.50					
FRIDAY 13TH FEB		Combined science - chemistry 9.00 - 10.15				Computer science 1 11.30 - 1.00					
						Sociology 1 11.30 - 1.15					
						Further maths 11.30 - 1.15					
						Hospitality & Catering 11.30 - 12.50					
HALF TERM											
MONDAY 23RD FEB		National Reference Test			JHA	Geography 11.30 - 1.00					
TUESDAY 24TH FEB		BTEC 9.00 - 11.00			JHA	Computer Science 2 11.30 - 1.00	Drama 12.25 - 1.30			Drama 2.05 - 3.05	
WEDNESDAY 25TH FEB		English Literature 9.00 - 10.45				Health & Soc Care 11.30 - 12.45			MCU	PE 2 2.05 - 3.05	
THURSDAY 26TH FEB		Maths 2 9.00 - 10.30				French Writing 11.30 - 12.45					
FRIDAY 27TH FEB		Combined science - physics 9.00 - 10.15				Spanish Writing 11.30 - 12.45				English Y10 2.05 - 3.00	
		Maths 3 9.00 - 10.30				Music 11.30 - 12.45					
						Enterprise & Marketing 9.00 - 10.15					
						Mop up session					

Yours sincerely,



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