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Dear Families

I am writing to update you on key dates for Year 11 students this term and to also inform you of the support that will be in place for students both prior to and during their exams.

Year 11 Alternate Timetable – Begins Thursday 8 May 2025

Student's timetables will change from Thursday 8 May so that they receive targeted revision sessions in the build-up to each of their timetabled exams. Where feasible, students will take part in a revision session either on the day prior to or the same day of each exam. These sessions will replace their normal lessons.

Below is a snapshot of the first few days of the Alternate Timetable:

	Date	Exam Breakfast	Exam AM (9.20)	P3 Revision	Exam PM (13.10)	Revision Session			
						Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4
May	Thursday 8th			German	German Paper 1+3	Business		German	
	Friday 9th			Business	Business Paper 1	English	English MC	Business	Computer Science
	Monday 12th	English	English Literature - Paper 1	Computer Science	Computer Science - Paper 1				
	Tuesday 13th			Biology	Biology	Geography MC	Biology MC		
	Wednesday 14th	Geography	Geography B					Maths Foundation MC	Maths Higher MC
	Thursday 15th	Maths	Maths Paper 1	German	German Paper 4			German	History
	Friday 16th	History	History	Business	Business Paper 2			Business	Chemistry

The highlighted section shows the revision sessions that will lead into the respective exams. Any student that has been entered for an exam must attend the accompanying revision session. Students not entered for any of those exams will attend normal lessons.

You will also notice that there are 'Exam Breakfasts' and 'P3 Revision' on the timetable.

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	Thursday 15th	Maths	Maths Paper 1	German	German Paper 4			German	History
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Exam Breakfast – Each morning, where an exam is timetabled, Year 11 students will be able to come into school from 8.15am for an exam breakfast, led by subject-specific staff. These will aim to prepare students for their morning exam and give them the opportunity to ask any last-minute questions they may have. All Exam Breakfasts will take place in the Learning Resource Centre (LRC) and light refreshments will be provided.

Period 3 revision – Due to the exam day timings, those students who have an exam in the afternoon have a shortened period 3 between 12.00-12.40pm. Instead of attending their normal lessons, they will spend that 40-minute period 3 lesson with their subject teacher preparing for the exam in the afternoon.

Students were informed of the alternate timetable in this week's assembly and final details around rooming etc. will be shared with them in the next two weeks.

Exam Preparation – Group Revision

Success Sessions – A reminder that these are continuing and will run throughout the course of the exams. The current timetable is below. Please encourage your child to attend – whilst they are optional, they will also be helpful in the build-up to the exams.

Timetable 1					
		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Lunch	Slot 1	Graphics 0.01	DT 0.05	Engineering 0.01	GCSE PE 0.01
	Slot 2	Art 1.19	Art 1.19	Art 1.19	Art 1.19
	Slot 3		DT 0.05	Drama 0.07	Business 2.21
After School					

After School Option Sessions					
	Department	Room/Staff		Department	Room/Staff
Slot 1	History	LRC	Slot 1	Food/HC/Textiles	G02
Slot 2	DT	0.05	Slot 2	Art	1.19
Slot 3	Art	1.19	Slot 3	Geography	2.17
Slot 4	Textiles	0.02			

Academic Tutoring – You will also be aware that - using the data from the second set of PREs - we reorganised the Year 11 tutor groups so that each had a specific subject focus on certain mornings. These groups will continue until Friday 2 May 2025. Students will return to their 'regular' tutor groups from Tuesday 6 May 2025.

Exam Preparation – Independent Revision

GCSE Zone – The LRC is open to Year 11 students, who have a pass, each lunchtime. In the LRC, students are provided with past papers, mark schemes and revision materials to access. They can either complete work independently or join in with group study. For those wanting to complete coursework, there are computers available too. If any student would like a pass, they need to see Mrs Baker or myself.

GCSE Pod – All students will have received personalised revision lists from their subject teachers. GCSE Pod provides short videos and 'check and challenge' tasks to help support independent revision and is accessible using the student's Microsoft 365 login.

Exam Timetables

Students received their individual timetables this week, which details their exams, rooming and any relevant access arrangements. If they have any questions about these, please ask them to speak to Mrs Smith (Exams Officer). They will also have received an exam guide with all the relevant information they need around exam procedures and protocols. Please encourage them to read



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through this. We will be holding an assembly on Tuesday 6 May 2025 to go over final preparations before exams start on Thursday 8 May 2025.

Leavers Assembly – Friday 23 May 2025

Year 11 students will have their leavers' assembly from midday on Friday 23 May following their English Literature exam. It is important to note that this is not the last day that students are expected to attend school, but it was a suitable time to host this event. The timings are as follows:

8.15am - 8.45am - (Optional) Attend the exam breakfast revision session in the LRC

8.50am - 9.10am - Tutor time

9.20am - 11.40am - English Literature exam paper 1 *

11.40am - 12.00pm - Break time as normal and shirt-signing

12.00pm - 12.45pm - Leavers' Assembly in the Main Hall

12.45pm - 1.15pm - Food and drink in Lillies

1.15pm - Return home early **

* If students finish the exam earlier than this, they will be allowed to go to Lillies / on the Year 11 field to start their "shirt-signing"

** If you should have an issue with your child leaving early that day, we can support them remaining in school until 3.10pm in the LRC

Traditionally students get their shirts signed on this day. Whilst this will be allowed to happen, please remind them that they **must not** get them signed prior to the English exam in the morning or they may not be allowed into the exam. Those students wanting to get them signed will need to ensure that they have a spare clean shirt to wear for the exams that follow May half term.

Year 11 Final Day – Friday 13 June 2025

Students will need to continue to attend school as normal until **Friday 13 June 2025**. There is a Physics exam on the morning of Monday 16 June 2025, following which students will no longer be required to attend school other than for any revision sessions or exams that concern them. This means the students can return home immediately following the Physics exam. Should your child need to return to school for revision sessions and exams in Food Preparation, Resistant Materials and/or Further Maths (which take place after Monday 16 June), they will need to **sign in** at the Attendance Office.

Year 11 Results Day – Thursday 21 August 2025

Results day will take place on Thursday 21 August 2025. Further information around timings will be shared nearer the time.

If you have any questions or queries about any of the information above, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

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