

May 2026

Dear Year 11 Parent/Carer,

Reference: Year 11 Exams

Our Year 11 cohort have been working extremely hard this half-term and we are immensely proud of the incredible effort and resilience they have shown during their first few weeks of exams.

After half-term we will continue to provide 'Warm Up and Booster Sessions' for students before each of their exams. Attendance to these sessions is absolutely crucial as it will ensure that knowledge and exam skills are fresh in student minds right before they enter the exam room. School data shows that students with the highest attendance at this time of year, go on to achieve higher results!

Below are three key dates from the Booster timetable to note:

- **Friday 22nd May:** early finish of 12:50pm for all of Year 11
- **Monday 1st June:** late start of 11:10am for some of Year 11 - **not those** who take GCSE PE or have the following Option B lessons: Geography (HHI), History (AAR), Food Prep (GMO)
- **Thursday 4th June:** study leave begins for all of Year 11, which requires students to only attend for exams, morning warm up sessions and booster sessions.

We will also be offering the following booster sessions during May Half-term:

	Monday 25th	Tuesday 26th	Wednesday 27th	Thursday 28th	Friday 29th
AM	BANK HOLIDAY	Further Maths 9:30-12pm CPA Ma6	Geography 9:30-12pm HHI, MGR, SCO Hu6, Hu5, Hu8 Higher Statistics 9:30-12pm CPA Ma6	Maths 9:30-12pm CPA Ma6 SBR Ma1 SMA Ma8	Triple Science 9:30-12pm OAD Sci1
PM		History – Crime and USA 12-2:30pm LHU, AAR Hu2, Hu3 Further Maths 12:30-3:00pm CPA Ma6	GCSE PE 12-2:30pm CFU Hu5 Higher Statistics 12:30-3:00pm CPA Ma6	Maths 12:30-3:00pm CPA Ma6	English Language 12-2:30pm KWA, JLE En5, En6

Further information and useful videos regarding final studying tips and managing stress during this period, can be found at [Exams and revision - Study support - BBC Bitesize](#) . Our parent support webinars, provided by Elevate Education, are also still available to

view at [Register your place in our parent support series \(elevateeducation.com\)](https://www.elevateeducation.com). On the day of each exam, we have bottles of water and cereal bars available for students, as well as our regular offer of free breakfast food in the canteen, available from 8:30am each day.

Year 11 Final Arrangements

Study Leave:

Educational research has proven that students perform better in exams when they are attending regular, structured revision sessions with their experienced teachers, therefore students will be expected to attend school as per their normal hours for the first four weeks of their exams. From **Thursday 4th June onwards**, some students will have finished a number of their courses, therefore they will only be expected to attend school if they have a scheduled booster session or an exam remaining.

Early Finish and Late Start:

All students have an early finish of 12:50pm on Friday 22nd May and some have a later start on Monday 1st June at 11:10am; unless they are sitting the GCSE PE exam or study Geography, history or food prep (as outlined on page 1). In which case, these students must arrive at school at 8:30am.

Celebrations:

Year 11 students are invited to join us for a **Leavers' BBQ on Friday 19th June, 2-4pm**, to celebrate finishing their exams. The **Prom is also booked for Wednesday 1st July at The Queens Hotel in Southsea**, with arrivals from 6pm to be seated for 7pm. We are already looking forward to what promises to be a fantastic evening! All tickets have been sold therefore, if your child wishes to be added to the waiting list, please contact Student Services.

GCSE Results' Day:

Results will be available on the morning of **Thursday 20th August from 9:30am until 11:00am**. If your child is unable to collect their results from the school on this day, they will be posted home.

DfE Education Record App:

The Education Record app is being rolled out nationally to modernise how young people access their exam results once they have left school. It will make it easier for young people to enrol in their post-16 destination and will give them access to their results at their fingertips for life, providing employers with clear, accurate information on a job candidate's education history without relying on paper certificates which can be easily lost.

Students will still go into school on results day as normal to meet face-to-face with their teachers and receive their results. Their results will later become available on the app. Colleges will also be able to easily access information about which students need extra support, including whether they need to continue working towards English and maths GCSEs, have SEND requirements or qualify for free school meals. Students can download the app now via the app store and they will be supported with gaining access to this.

Pre-loved Uniform and Equipment:

If your child has any spare uniform or revision guides to donate, please could they drop them at Student Reception so younger year groups can make good use of them.

I am sure we can count upon your support in making these final weeks a positive and supportive experience. I wish all students the very best of luck with their examinations and encourage them to 'dream big and aim high'!

Yours sincerely,



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