

What has your time at HGS looked like?

"Seeing my grades improving with my hard work"

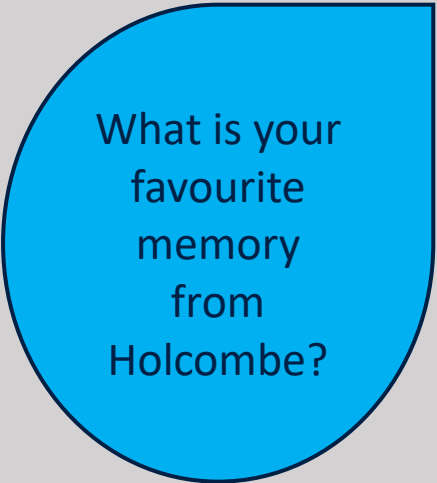
"Playing football on the field with my friends"

"The opening night of Oliver Junior and discovering my love for performance"

"The Thorpe Park trip was so much fun"

"Watching the teachers in the school panto"

"Making great friends I will have for life"



What is your
favourite
memory
from
Holcombe?

"The France trips were really fun"

"Discovering new passions in Drama and Science"

"Taking part in Interhouse competitions"

"Founders Day was always great"

"Being a part of Duke of Edinburgh award"

"Lunchtime"

Welcome to Year 11 Information Evening



Miss Tanti (Deputy Headteacher – Outcomes)

Mr Faulkner (Head of Year 11)

Ms Fox (Exams Officer)

TRANSFORMING LIFE CHANCES

Aims of this event

- What support have Year 11 had?
- Countdown to exams
- Countdown to leavers date
- As a parent what can you do to help?
- Exam expectations and queries/ questions from the form
- Revision and Welfare Tips
- Leavers events
- How to keep in contact once on study leave
- August Results Day

Aims of this event according to the students

“So my parents know what to hassle me about”

What support have you had as a Yr 11 student?

- Careers Interviews
- Drop-in sessions
- Aspire to Achieve sessions (organised by Mrs Lyons)
- Unifrog
- Assemblies with Head of Sixth Form and Year 12 students
- Student Voice Panels
- Book Looks
- Learning Walks
- Prelim Results Days
- Summer Revision Packs (organised by SLS)
- Breakfast with Tanti
- Lunch with Mr Preston for those with fantastic summer revision packs
- Information Evenings
- School Council Meetings
- Advent Calendars
- Awards Assemblies
- Sixth Form Application Drop ins
- Tailored tutor time sessions
- Wellbeing drop-ins
- Resource provision (Ms Tanti and Mrs Lyons office)
- Revision in PE and PD lessons
- PULSE check-ins
- Year Council Meetings
- Leavers Hoodies
- Leavers Event (more on this later)

....AND PROBABLY MUCH MORE!

Support as to next steps....

- **Careers Interviews**
- **Unifrog**
- **Assemblies with Head of Sixth Form**
- **Drop-in sessions**
- **Advice on TEAMS and Classcharts**
- **Emails from Careers lead (school email)**
- **Careers conversation in assemblies, tutor times**

HAVE YOU MADE FULL USE OF THESE OPPORTUNITIES?

**19 school days until your GCSE
exams start.**

6 weeks (roughly)

Days / Weeks until leaving day

**18 school days until you go on
study leave.**

5 week and 6 days (roughly)

As a parent, what can you do to help?

6 Ways to Comfort Students Who Are Stressed About Exams

Not sure what to say or do to comfort your stressed teen? Try one of these six strategies to soothe their worries and get them prepared and confident for their exams:

Ask them what they need today



Say: "Shall we take a walk together later or do silly dances?"

Look after their needs when they forget



Say: "It's time for a break, I made us some dinner – your favourite!"

Let them unburden on your shoulder



Say: "Do you want to talk about it? I've got time"

Become a pro study buddy



Say: "Can I help you set up a practice test in exam conditions?"

Remind them of their worth



Say: "Don't forget I love you, no matter what happens in your exam!"

Be there for them on exam day



Say: "I believe in you! I'll be thinking of you tomorrow"

[ExamStudyExpert.com/student-exam-stress](https://www.ExamStudyExpert.com/student-exam-stress)



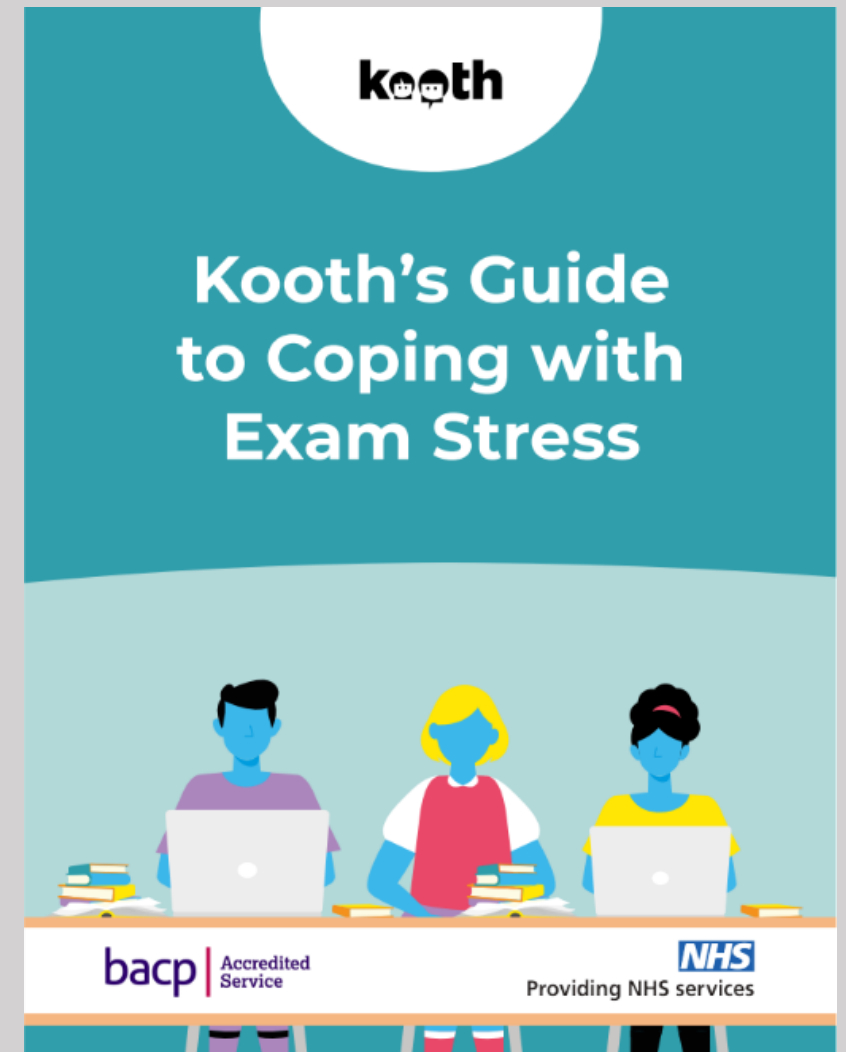
This is a stressful time for everyone, the best way to support your child is to listen and guide where you can.

If you are ever unsure of anything, please ask us.

We will support you as parents as well as the students in our care.

Coping with Exam Stress

- This guide has been posted on Teams

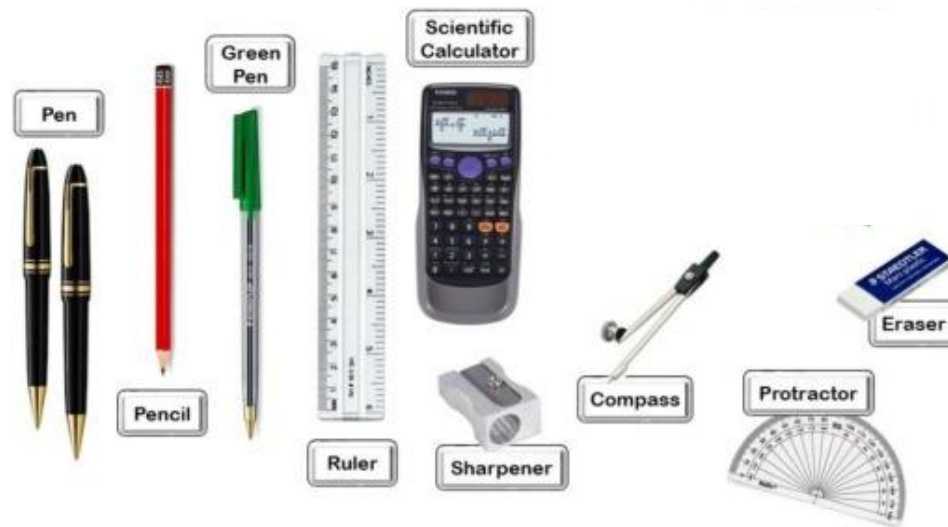


Full equipment is expected every day and essential throughout this examination period.

This includes;

pens,
pencil,
ruler,
rubber,
sharpener,
compass, protractor and calculator.

Equipment Check



Make sure water bottles are completely clear with all labels removed.

Bring spare pens and equipment in case anything fails during the exam.

Do not take phone into the exam hall (put in different pocket/place)

Season: Summer 2024

Name: Alpha Beta Gamma

Gender: Male

Date of Birth: 01/01/2000

Candidate Number: 1234

Name on Certificates: Alpha Beta Gamma

Please check your name is spelt correctly – this must be your LEGAL name, not your preferred name.

Year: 13

Registration Group: 13.9

Admission Number: 012345

ULN: 1234567890 **UCI:** 612012345678H

Is your date of birth correct?

Entries

AQA	GCE/A	7405	Chemistry ADV
AQA	GCE/A	7712B	Physics
EDEXL/GCE	AEA/B	8MA0	Mathematics
EDEXL/GCE	GCE/A	9MA0	Further Mathematics

Please check you have been entered for all subjects you study


I confirm that all my exam subjects and personal details are correct – including my LEGAL name and date of birth.

Signed _____

ONCE YOU ARE HAPPY THAT ALL THE INFORMATION IS CORRECT, PLEASE SIGN THE FORM AND RETURN IT TO YOUR FORM TUTOR. PLEASE CHECK IT CAREFULLY AS THESE DETAILS WILL BE INCLUDED ON YOUR EXAM CERTIFICATES.

IF THERE ARE ANY ERRORS, PLEASE WRITE THEM ON THE FORM AND RETURN IT TO YOUR FORM TUTOR.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES, PLEASE SEE MS FOX, THE EXAMS OFFICER.



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**NO MOBILE PHONES
NO WATCHES**

NO POTENTIAL TECHNOLOGICAL/WEB
ENABLED SOURCES OF INFORMATION




Possession of unauthorised items, such as a mobile phone or any watch, is a serious offence and could result in

DISQUALIFICATION

from your examination and your overall qualification.

This poster must be displayed in a prominent place outside each examination room.



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Warning to Candidates

1. You **must** be on time for all your examinations.
2. **Possession of a mobile phone** or other unauthorised material is **not allowed** even if you do not intend to use it. You will be subject to penalty and possible disqualification from the exam/qualification.
3. You **must not** talk to, attempt to communicate with or disturb other candidates once you have entered the examination room.
4. You **must** follow the instructions of the invigilator.
5. You **must not** sit an examination in the name of another candidate.
6. You **must not** become involved in any unfair or dishonest practice in any part of the examination.
7. If you are confused about anything, only speak to an invigilator.

The *Warning to Candidates* must be displayed in a prominent place outside each examination room. This may be a hard copy A3 paper version or an image of the poster projected onto a wall or screen for all candidates to see.

- **No mobile phones**
- **No airpods / earphones**
- **Clear water bottles**
- **Exam rules apply as you enter and leave**
- **Correct equipment**
- **Cover off calculator**



The Exams Office
Instructions for Candidates

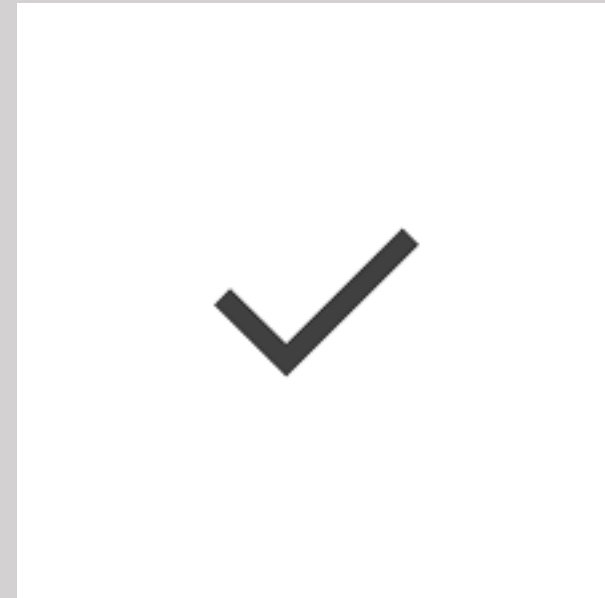
- **Sickness**
- **Lateness**
- **Clashes**

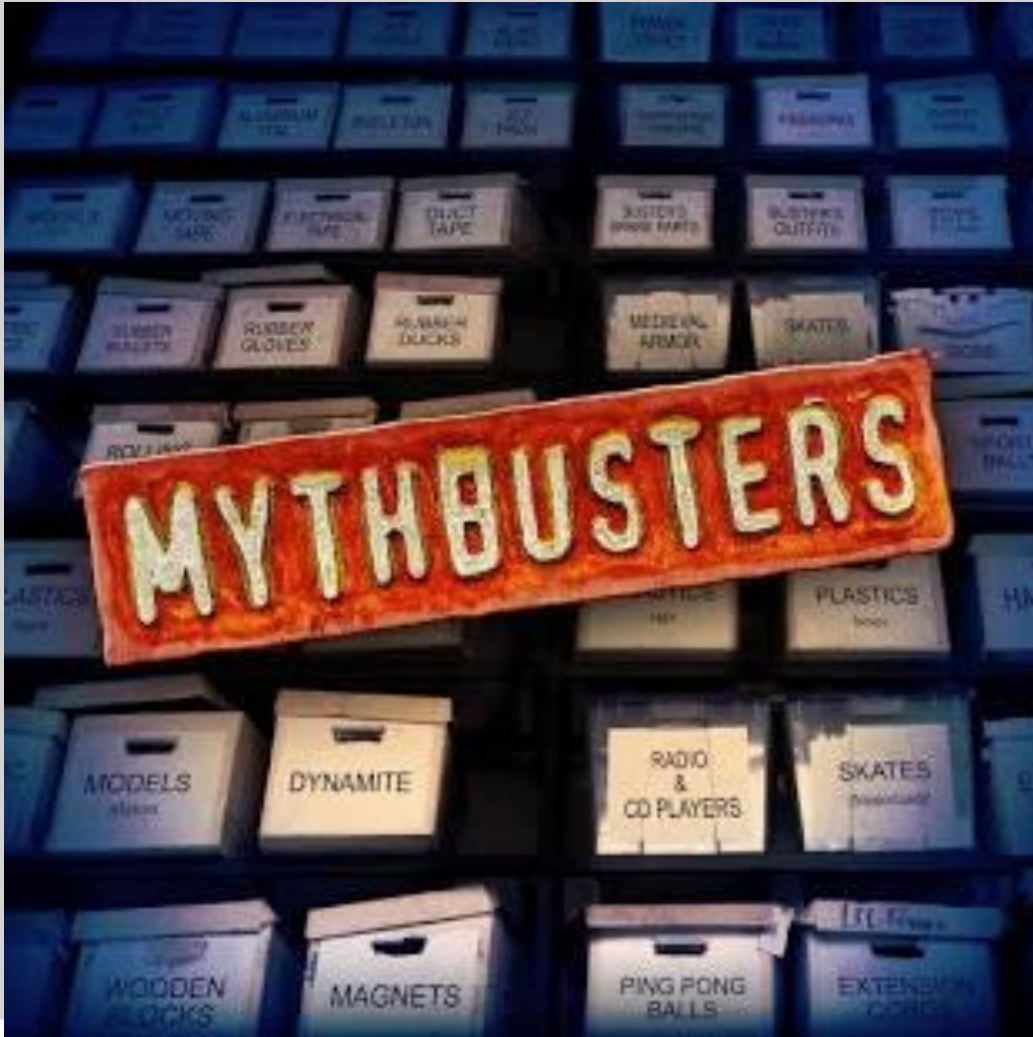
If you think you may be late for an exam
please ring the school on the number below
as soon as possible:

03333 602130

What have you already done

- The English Spoken Language component
- The Drama Practical
- The PE Practical





- 'I only need a 4 in English'
- You never know what you will need in life
- You never know what will set you apart
- Do your best in ALL your subjects

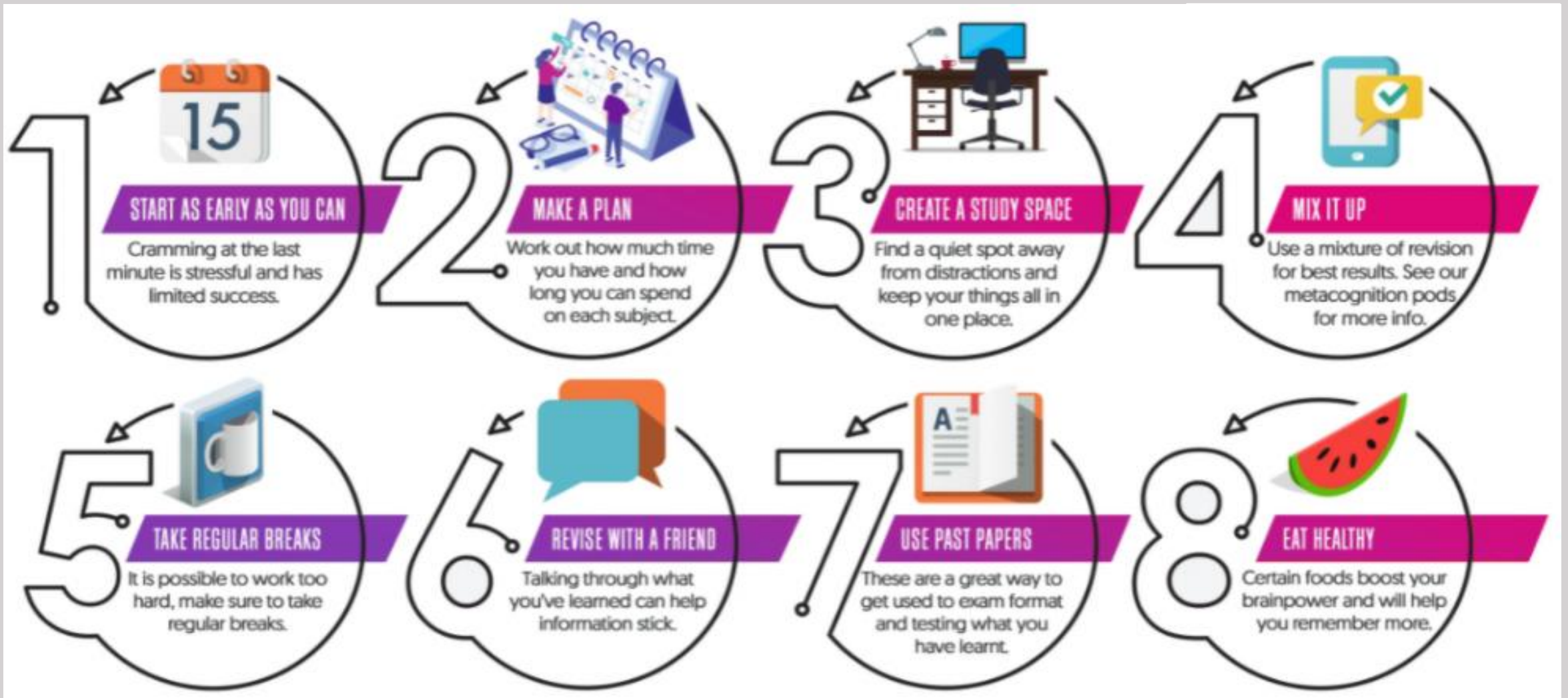
Summer Examinations

- **French and Spanish Language Speaking exams start on 22nd April – 6th May 2025 – Small window – Must be there on time**
- **Written exams start on 8th May 2025**
- **Details of the exam boards for each subject can be found on the school website**
- **Exam timetables can be found on the exam board websites
These have also been distributed to students**

Contingency Days

- Each year the exam boards designate dates as 'contingency days', which are additional exam dates which will be used in the event of national or significant local disruption to examinations:
 - 11th June 2025
 - 25th June 2025
- All exam students should therefore ensure that they are available until **25th June 2025** should there be exceptional circumstances that require an exam board to reschedule an exam

Revision and Welfare Tips



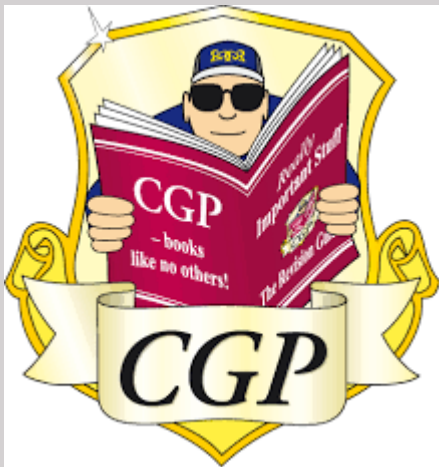
- **Begins on 8th May (1ST GCSE exam)**
- **Students cannot come on site unless they have a GCSE exam**
- **If they have 2 exams on the same day and they cannot get home to revise, they need to let us know and we will make alternative provision**
- **If you have an AM exam, but no PM exam you leave site once this is completed**
- **Staff are still contactable via teams/email, but are not running dedicated sessions during study leave unless they have time to complete remote (teams video) sessions**
- **Sixth form letters will be going home tomorrow which contain offers as well as these details**

- Take this seriously and stick to it
- Attend a drop-in session/ask if you are unsure what this should look like
- [How do I make a revision timetable for my exams? - BBC Bitesize](#)

REVISION TIMETABLE

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
9AM - 11AM REVISE SUBJECT 1	9AM - 11AM REVISE SUBJECT 1	9AM - 11AM REVISE SUBJECT 1	9AM - 11AM REVISE SUBJECT 1	9AM - 11AM REVISE SUBJECT 1	10AM - 12PM REVISE SUBJECT 1
11:15AM - 1:15PM REVISE SUBJECT 2	11:15AM - 1:15PM REVISE SUBJECT 2	11:15AM - 1:15PM REVISE SUBJECT 2	11:15AM - 1:15PM REVISE SUBJECT 2	11:15AM - 1:15PM REVISE SUBJECT 2	12:45AM - 2:45PM REVISE SUBJECT 2
2PM - 4PM REVISE SUBJECT 3	2PM - 4PM REVISE SUBJECT 3	2PM - 4PM REVISE SUBJECT 3	2PM - 4PM REVISE SUBJECT 3	2PM - 4PM REVISE SUBJECT 3	3PM - 5PM REVISE SUBJECT 3
4:15PM - 6:15PM REVISE	4:15PM - 6:15PM REVISE	4:15PM - 6:15PM REVISE	4:15PM - 6:15PM REVISE	4:15PM - 6:15PM REVISE	GO HAVE FUN

- Do you have everything you need?
- Now is the time to get it!!! - Ask teachers, peers, Mr. Faulkner, Mrs Lyons, Miss Tanti...



For 20% off revision guides,
use code: EXAMS20

- Ensure you know HOW to revise for EACH subject
- Every subject will have different strategies – ensure you know what these are (encourage your child to do this...if they haven't already done so)
- 'You can't revise for English language'



Practical Tip: The Parent becomes the student

- At the end of a revision session, ask them to teach you what they have learnt.
- Do it now: Teach your parent 5 tips when tackling English Language Paper 1 Question 3





7th May 2024

- Study Leave will commence at the end of this day for all Year 11 students.

8:40-9:00am – Registration with tutors

9:00am – 11:00am – Awards Assembly with Mr Faulkner (Head of Year) and Year Council

11:00am – 13:00 – Events on the school field

- Shirt Signing
- Small group football games
- Collection of hoodies

13:00 – Students will be dismissed and head home for the afternoon (not to return to school site unless in a formal GCSE exam at this point)

- **We will still be available to be contacted during the exam period in the usual manner:**
- **General queries – Mr Faulkner**
- **Exam Specific queries – Miss Fox**
- **At any stage during exams, please feel free to contact us and we will do our best to get back to you.**

REMEMBER – if you are ill or late on an exam day we need to be informed before 8am to ensure we can make appropriate arrangements for your exams.

GCSE Results Day: Thursday 21st August 2025

We are not able to email results to students, so if you are unable to attend, you can nominate someone to collect your results on your behalf.

- 2 sets of prelims this year – shown good progress
- Set the standard of behaviour and endeavour around the school
- They are a credit to themselves and the school



...But, not a word has been written yet. We want them to get the grades they deserve and for that we need one final push!

Everything feels better if you earn it

You need to earn a great results day and earn your long summer...
It'll be worth it!



Any Questions – please ask a member of staff

Miss Tanti – Deputy Headteacher - Outcomes

Mr Faulkner – Head of Year 11

Miss Fox – Exams Officer

Mrs Lyons – Lead Practitioner for KS4 Outcomes