



GCSE Examinations 2026

As we approach the forthcoming A-Level examination period, I am writing to ensure that both you and your child are fully informed of the procedures, expectations, and statutory requirements that apply. Please find enclosed links to the **Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ)** documents, which all candidates must read carefully:

- [Information for Candidates – Written Examinations](#)
- [Warning to Candidates](#)
- [Unauthorised Items](#)
- [Social Media Information](#)

Please would all students and parents read through the examination information included in this letter and the JCQ exam regulations. These can be found on the school website [here](#).

Examination Timetable

All Year 11 students will be issued with their final examination timetable at the start of next term. Students must check this carefully for any errors. This will also be updated on EduLink for students to access. If any issues are identified, students must report them immediately to Mrs Round in the Exams Office. Please note:

- Family holidays must not be arranged during the examination period.
- A national contingency day is scheduled for **24 June 2026**, which may be used if examinations are rescheduled nationally. Should this be required, further communication will follow.
- There are a small number of students who are impacted by examination clashes. I will discuss the implication of this with students in the new term, but rest assured this is a common occurrence. Whilst remaining compliant with JCQ regulations, we look to make sure the arrangements minimise the impact of these clashes on students.

Examination Arrangements

Students are expected to:

- Be familiar with the format of each examination paper (and seek guidance from subject teachers if unsure).
- Bring all required equipment (pens, pencils, rulers, calculators), as these will not be provided.
- Arrive at least 15 minutes before the start of each exam (9:00am morning / 1:30pm afternoon, unless otherwise stated).

Examination Regulations

In line with JCQ requirements:

- Full school uniform must be worn.
- Mobile phones, smart devices, and watches (including analogue) are strictly prohibited in the exam room.
 - Any such item found in a student's possession must be reported to the exam board and may result in disqualification, even if switched off.
- Pencil cases must be transparent; clear plastic bags are acceptable.
- Water bottles must be clear with labels removed. Food is not permitted in the Exam Hall.
- All written work must be completed in black ink (no gel pens).
- Calculators must have memory cleared and must not contain instructions.
- Students must remain in the examination room for the full duration of the exam.

All examinations are supervised by trained invigilators. Any breach of regulations will be formally reported and may be referred to the awarding bodies.

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Access Arrangements

Some students may be entitled to access arrangements (e.g. use of a word processor). These must be approved in advance by the examination boards and supported by appropriate evidence. If you believe your child may be eligible and is not currently receiving support, please contact Mrs Cleaver (Additional Intervention Team) as soon as possible.

If a last-minute issue arises (for example, an injury affecting writing), it is vital that the school is informed immediately so that we can advise on what support, if any, may be permitted.

Special Consideration

Special consideration can only be applied where a student is fully prepared but is affected by temporary adverse circumstances at the time of an examination. Examples include:

- Illness or injury, bereavement, domestic crisis, or participation in international-level sporting events

If your child is affected by any issue before or during an examination, you must inform the Exams Office as soon as possible. Applications must be made within 7 days of the examination and require supporting evidence.

If a student is unable to attend an exam due to an emergency, the school must be contacted immediately. In certain circumstances, alternative arrangements may be considered.

Internal Assessment Appeals

If you wish to appeal a non-examination assessment decision, please contact Mrs Round in the Exams Office to request a copy of the Appeals Procedure.

Results and Post-Results Services

Results for GCSEs will be released on **Thursday 20th August 2026**. Further details regarding Results Day will be shared via the school website following the examination period.

Communication with School

It is essential that the school is informed promptly of any circumstances that may affect a student's ability to attend or perform in examinations. Early communication allows us to provide appropriate guidance and, where applicable, apply for support within the strict regulations set by the exam boards.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely,

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