



## Year 11 Update

**13th March 2026**

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I wanted to provide further clarity regarding the Summer GCSE exams, which our Year 11 students will shortly be sitting.

Students will soon receive a copy of their exam entries, which outlines the exams they have been entered for and the times and dates of these exams.

For morning exams, students are expected to be on the tennis courts for registration by 8:30am, to begin the exams at 9am. For afternoon exams, students are expected to be on the tennis courts for registration at 12:30pm, to begin the exams by 13:00pm.

Secondly, I have attached the Candidate Information document from JCQ to this email. Please ensure that your children have read through this document before sitting their exams to ensure they are aware of everything they need to know regarding the exams. We will of course be running assemblies with students to summarise the key points, but it would be useful for students to already be aware of this, so it acts as a reminder of the rules and regulations of the exams.

Similar to their trial exams, Year 11 students will all be given an exams lanyard. This has their exam ID card in it along with their candidate number. These will be given out to the students prior to the exam and they will be expected to keep them throughout the exams and return them at the end. Students need to have them with them to enter the venue and this is to speed up the process and allow the exams team to identify students. It is important that students do not write on, or deface their lanyards in any way.

Finally, as a reminder, for the formal exams the only equipment that the Exam Team will be able to provide the students in an exam is a spare pen if theirs breaks. Everything else is the responsibility of the students to bring. Please can you therefore ensure that your child has all of the equipment that they will need before the exam series starts. If a student forgets a piece of equipment on the day, they must go and find the relevant member of staff before the exam begins to obtain a spare set of equipment. To help with the preparation for this, I have attached an exam day poster to this email, which outlines what students will need and what they need to do on the days of their exams to prepare.

I hope that this email provides clarity about the exam process for the Summer 2025 series, but if you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

### **Year 11 Summer Exams - Revision Timetables**

The Summer Exam timetable is available on the school website ([click here](#)). All students have a pre-populated revision timetable posted on their Tutor Google Classroom, as well as the GCSE Revision Guide for students and parents ([click here](#)). Students will be given more advice on how to populate the timetable in PSHE next week. This will support their independent revision and effectively manage their time leading up to the exams.

### **Safeguarding Snapshot**

This week's safeguarding snapshot is regarding Misogyny and Toxic Masculinity. Please [[click here](#)] for further information.

## **Spring Term Key Dates**

Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	FOV Quiz Night
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>End of Spring Term (3pm finish)</b>

## **Summer Term Key Dates**

<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Start of Summer Term</b>
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Year 11 reports issued
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	FOV Quiz Night
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Half Term</b>	
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 11 Prom - Pinewood Hotel
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 11 into 12 Induction Day
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>End of Summer Term (12.20pm finish)</b>
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> August	GCSE results day