



GCSE

A Family

updates

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WEEK ENDING 22ND MAY 2026

KEY POINTS

**YOU
ABSOLUTELY
SMASHED IT!
IN WEEK 3**

Don't be in the 'believe it or not' next week.

Dear Year 11 Families...

We are more than half-way through! We are now entering the final stretch of the GCSE examination period and, overall, our students continue to conduct themselves brilliantly. Attendance to exams, revision sessions and intervention continues to be exceptionally strong and many students are already showing the resilience, maturity and determination needed to achieve the results they deserve in August. As always, this update is intended to be open, honest and supportive. We want every student to maximise this final period and avoid complacency as we move through the second half of the exams. The finish line is in sight — but there is still a huge amount to gain (or lose) over the next few weeks.

Half-Term Holiday Psychology (this year it's not a holiday!)

Half-term must now be viewed as a structured revision week and not simply 'time off'. The students who maintain routine, structure and momentum over this period are historically the students who improve the most in the final papers.

Departments have provided targeted revision materials, booster sessions and clear guidance on what students should prioritise. Students should continue using their Knowledge Organisers, revision resources and exam timetables daily.

We strongly encourage students to maintain good sleep routines, limit distractions and continue revising in manageable chunks each day rather than attempting to 'cram' the night before exams.

Please continue supporting attendance at any additional revision sessions running over the break — these sessions genuinely make a difference.

Believe it or not...

- A small number of families still believe students should now 'stop because most exams are done'. In reality, some of the largest-value papers and highest-content subjects are still to come after half-term.
- We still have students not responding to revision session invites or failing to attend agreed support sessions despite staff giving up their own time to provide them.
- Every year, students who 'switch off' at this point significantly underperform compared to their predicted potential.

Remember Your Revision Information in your KO

Students have been issued with Knowledge Organisers and revision guidance for a reason — these remain one of the most effective revision tools when used properly.

Students should focus on active revision strategies: self-quizzing, retrieval practice, blurring, flashcards, practice questions, timed exam responses.

Simply reading notes or highlighting information is not enough. Students should be testing what they know repeatedly.

Families can help massively by encouraging short bursts of focused revision, asking students questions from their KOs and checking revision plans are being followed.

Believe it or not...

- Some students still arrive to revision sessions without their Knowledge Organisers or revision materials despite being reminded daily.
- A minority of students continue saying they are "revising" whilst spending large portions of time on phones, gaming or social media. Honest conversations at home really matter at this stage.
- Students who consistently use their KO materials alongside practice papers are typically the students making the strongest gains right now.

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Spring Bank Half-Term Revision Sessions

<p><u>Monday 25th May</u> Bank Holiday (SCHOOL BUILDING CLOSED)</p>	<p><u>Tuesday 26th May</u> Science 9.30am-12.30pm IN-SCHOOL Mr Oakland, Ms Smart, Mrs Kerr. (targeted students only)</p> <p>Geography 9.30am-12.30pm IN-SCHOOL Mrs Dunkerley's class</p> <p>English 1pm-3pm IN-SCHOOL Miss Hardy's class Mr Worswick's class Miss Hynes class Mr Whitworth's class</p>	<p><u>Wednesday 27th May</u> 9.30am-12.30pm IN-SCHOOL Miss Haigh (targeted students only)</p>	<p><u>Thursday 28th May</u> Maths 9.30am-12.30pm IN-SCHOOL Mrs Burton, Mr Masih (targeted students only)</p>	<p><u>Friday 29th May</u> MFL 9.30am-1pm IN-SCHOOL Mrs Deborah (German) 9.30-11.30 Mrs Fox (French) 11.30-1pm</p> <p>GCSE History 1.15-3.15pm IN-SCHOOL Miss Holmes' class Mr Parker's class GCSE Geography 1.15-3.15pm IN-SCHOOL Mr Carr's class</p>	<p><u>Saturday 30th May</u></p>
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We will be sending through electronic confirmation for the above sessions so we can ensure family and student buy-in to these important sessions. Please keep a close eye on your phones and email!



	P0	Sess 1 9.00 Start	09:10	P1	10.10	P2	11.10 Break	11.30	P3	12.00	12.30	Sess 2 13.00 Start	13.30 Lunch	P5	P6
	07:40		60m		60m			60m		60m				60m	
Mon 1st June			Comb/Sep Physics Paper 1 Day (-Ger P2)			German Writing Day		German Writing Lec/Class Pre Exam (50m)		Early lunch			German Writing Paper - (1hr 15-30m)		French Reading P6
Tue 2nd June	Phy P0		Comb/Sep Physics Paper 1 (1hr 15m/1hr 45m)					Maths Paper 2 Day				Comb/Sep Physics Paper 1 Day + P6			Geography Paper 2 + P6
Wed 3rd June	Math P0		Maths - Paper 2 (1hr 30m)					History Paper 2 Day				Maths Paper 2 Day +P6			History Paper 2 Day +P6
Thur 4th June	Hist P0		History - Paper 2 (2hrs)					Geography Paper 2 Lec/Class Pre Exam (50m)		Early lunch			Geography Paper 2 - (1hr 30m)		French Reading P6
			English Language Paper 2 Day					French Reading Lec/Class Pre Exam (50m)		Early lunch			French Reading Paper (45m-1hr)		French Writing P6
Fri 5th June	Eng P0		English Language- Paper 2 (1hr 45m)					English Language Paper 2 Day				English Language Paper 2 Day + P6			
								Combined/Sep Biology Paper 2 Day				Combined/Sep Biology Paper 2 Day		Combined/Sep Biology Paper 2 Day +P6	French Writing P6

This is your child's official and legal timetable for next week.

Note

- Additional sessions (3pm-4pm) - compulsory.
- GCSE exams (in grey) where each session is linked to.
- Any non-attendance to school is recorded and contributes to their College data.

ADDITIONAL SESSIONS THIS WEEK COMPULSARY (3PM-4PM)

MON 1 ST JUNE	French Physics
TUE 2 ND JUNE	Geography Maths
WED 3 RD JUNE	History French
THUR 4 TH JUNE	French English
FRI 5 TH JUNE	Biology French

Exam Timetable – Week 4

		09:00	09:15	09:30	09:45	10:00	10:15	10:30	10:45	11:00	11:15	11:30	13:00	13:15	13:30	13:45	14:00	14:15	14:30	14:45	15:00
Mon	01/06/2026													German Writing Paper 4 - Foundation 1 hour 15 minutes							
														German Writing Paper 4 - Higher 1 hour 20 minutes							
Tue	02/06/2026	Combined Science - Physics Paper 1 - Foundation/Higher 1 hour 15 minutes												Polish Listening Paper 1 - Higher 45 minutes	Polish Reading Paper 3 - Higher 1 hour						
		Physics Paper 1 - Foundation/Higher 1 hour 45 minutes												Polish Listening Paper 1 - Foundation 35 minutes	Polish Reading Paper 3 - Higher 45 minutes						
														Punjabi Listening Paper 1 - Higher 45 minutes	Punjabi Reading Paper 3 - Higher 1 hour						
														Persian Listening Paper 1 - Higher 45 minutes	Persian Reading Paper 3 - Higher 1 hour 5 minutes						
														Russian Listening Paper 1 - Higher 45 minutes	Russian Reading Paper 3 - Higher 1 hour 5 minutes						
															Urdu Writing Higher 1 hour 25 minutes minutes						
													Arabic Writing Paper 4 - Higher 1 hour 25 minutes								
Wed	03/06/2026	Mathematics Paper 2 - Foundation/Higher 1 hour 30 minutes												Geography Paper 2 1 hour 30 minutes							
Thu	04/06/2026	History Paper 2 2 hours												French Reading Paper 3 - Foundation 45 minutes							
														French Reading Paper 3 - Higher 1 hour							
Fri	05/06/2026	English Language Paper 2 1 hour 45 minutes																			

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- Charges will be made for any pick-ups, lateness and any unnecessary staff resource for not arriving on-time.
- Charges will be made for exam non-attendance to any exam (except in exceptional circumstances).



Take every chance you get
in life... because some
things only happen once!

Karen Gibbs

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