

20 March 2026

RE: GCSE Exams 2026

Dear Parent/Carers,

With under two weeks until the Easter holidays, I would like to emphasise the importance of revision during this period. To support learners in their preparation, we are offering **Easter revision**. These sessions will take place on the following dates: **Monday 30th March, Tuesday 31st March and Friday 10th April 2026**.

Students must be booked onto sessions by a parent or carer using the online registration form. <https://forms.gle/JFu7LsbSp1F6BjCT9>. The **booking deadline is midnight on Wednesday 25th March 2026**. A letter and flyer with full details have already been sent home.

Below this letter is the final **exam timetable**, which will help learners plan their revision. An **interactive version** is available on the school website:

<https://woodlands.southampton.sch.uk/learner-zone/exam-info/> or by scanning this QR code. This resource includes **detailed PDFs outlining revision topics** for each exam. Resources are currently being uploaded, and a full set of materials will be available before the Easter holidays.



Supporting your child with revision:

We know that this is a crucial time for learners, and your support at home can make a real difference. Here are some key ways you can help:

- **Encourage your child to use the interactive timetable** – this has everything they need in one place, from exam dates to specific revision topics
- **Make the most of all available resources** – teachers are continually adding revision materials to the school website and Google Classroom, so ensure your child checks regularly
- **Encourage attendance at all extra sessions** – Easter revision, Period 6 sessions and 'Refresher' sessions provide valuable support and guidance. Every lesson counts
- **Help them structure their revision time** – using the timetable to plan when and what to revise will help them feel more prepared.

Exam arrangements:

- **Morning exams:** Start promptly at **9:00am** (learners should arrive at **8:00am** for a 'Refresher' session)
- **Afternoon exams:** Begin at **1:00pm**
- **Line-up and registration:** All learners must arrive at **8:25am** as usual.



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If your child is delayed for any reason, please **contact the school immediately**. It is essential that all learners attend every exam. In cases of serious illness, a **doctor's note** will be required to inform the exam board. **If a learner misses an exam without a valid reason, parents may be billed for the exam cost.**

Important Updates

- **Exam Regulations:** Any breach (e.g., possession of unauthorised items, talking during the exam, or defying staff instructions) may result in **disqualification** and removal from **Prom**.
- **School Attendance:** Year 11 must continue attending school in full uniform and follow their normal timetable. Learners who have completed certain exams must still attend and bring revision materials for other subjects.

'Refresher' Sessions

- These sessions will help learners consolidate knowledge before their exams
- Attendance at all **Refresher** sessions is **compulsory**
- A Refresher session timetable **will be shared soon**. Some sessions will take place at **8:00am**, others throughout the school day, and some during **Period 6**.

Contingency day

- **Wednesday 24th June 2026** is the national **contingency day**. This date is reserved in case an exam needs to be rescheduled nationally due to unforeseen circumstances. All learners must remain available on this day, and we will notify you if attendance is necessary.

Exam clashes

- If your child has **two exams at the same time** (e.g., **Sports Studies and Sociology on 8th May 2026**), you will receive further details soon regarding arrangements.

Thank you for your continued support. Please encourage your child to use the revision resources available and attend all additional sessions to maximise their preparation.

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

Yours sincerely,



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Year 11 Exam Timetable 2026

	MORNING SESSION 9:00AM	AFTERNOON SESSION 1:00PM
Friday 1st May		Travel & Tourism – 2hrs
Monday 4th May		
Tuesday 5th May		Construction – 1hr 30mins
Wednesday 6th May		
Thursday 7th May	Psychology Paper 1 – 1hr 30mins	
Friday 8th May	- Sports Studies – 1hr 15mins - Sociology Paper 1 – 1hr 45mins	
Monday 11th May	English Literature Paper 1 – 1hr 45 mins	Business Paper 1 – 1hr 30mins
Tuesday 12th May	Engineering – 1hr 15mins	- Combined Science Biology – 1hr 15mins - Biology Paper 1 – 1hr 45mins
Wednesday 13th May	Geography Paper 1 – 1hr 30mins	
Thursday 14th May	Maths Paper 1 (Non-Calculator) – 1hr 30mins	Psychology Paper 2 – 1hr 30mins
Friday 15th May	History (Elizabeth & Germany) – 2hrs	Sociology Paper 2 – 1hr 45mins
Monday 18th May	- Combined Science Chemistry – 1hr 15mins - Chemistry Paper 1 – 1hr 45mins	
Tuesday 19th May	English Literature Paper 2 – 2hrs 15mins	Child Development – 1hr 15mins
Wednesday 20th May	French Listening & Reading – 35/45mins (F), 45mins/1hr (H)	
Thursday 21st May	English Language Paper 1 – 1hr 45mins	- Business Paper 2 – 1hr 30mins - ICT Onscreen – 1hr 20mins
Friday 22nd May		
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	MORNING SESSION 9:00AM	AFTERNOON SESSION 1:00PM
Monday 1st June		
Tuesday 2nd June	- Combined Science Physics – 1hr 15mins - Physics Paper 1 – 1hr 45mins	- Punjabi Listening & Reading – 1hr 45mins - Polish Listening & Reading – 1hr 45mins - Persian Listening & Reading – 1hr 45mins
Wednesday 3rd June	Maths Paper 2 – 1hr 30mins	Geography Paper 2 – 1hr 30mins
Thursday 4th June	History (USA & Medicine) – 2hrs	French Writing – 1hr 10mins (F), 1hr 15mins (H)
Friday 5th June	English Language Paper 2 – 1hr 45mins	
Monday 8th June	- Combined Science Biology – 1hr 15mins - Biology Paper 2 – 1hr 45mins	Hair & Beauty – 2hrs
Tuesday 9th June	Spanish Listening & Reading – 35/45mins (F), 45mins/1hr (H)	
Wednesday 10th June	Maths Paper 3 - 1hr 30mins	Punjabi Writing - 1hr 15mins
Thursday 11th June	Geography Paper 3 (1hr 30mins)	
Friday 12th June	- Combined Science Chemistry - 1hr 15mins - Chemistry Paper 2 - 1hr 45mins	- Hospitality & Catering - 1hr 20mins - Polish Writing - 1hr 15mins - Persian Writing - 1hr 20mins
Monday 15th June	- Combined Science Physics - 1hr 15mins - Physics Paper 2 - 1hr 45mins	
Tuesday 16th June	Spanish Writing - 1hr 10mins (F), 1hr 15mins (H)	

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Practical Exams	
Date	Practical subject
Wednesday 25 th March	Art (Group 1)
Thursday 26 th March	Art (Group 1)
EASTER HOLIDAYS	
Monday 13 th April	Art (Group 2)
Wednesday 15 th April	Photography (Option Z)
Thursday 16 th April	Art (Group 2)
Friday 17 th April	Photography (Option Z)
Monday 20 th April	Photography (Option W)
Tuesday 21 st April	Photography (Option W)

MFL Speaking Exams	
Date	Language
Friday 17 th April	Polish
Monday 20 th April	French
Tuesday 21 st April	French
Wednesday 22 nd April	French
Thursday 23 rd April	French
Friday 24 th April	Panjabi
Monday 27 th April	Spanish
Tuesday 28 th April	Spanish
Wednesday 29 th April	Spanish
Thursday 30 th April	Spanish
Friday 1 st May	Persian