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Head Teacher: Mr J Henderson BA (Hons) NPQH NPQEL

15 April 2026

RE: GCSE Exams 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Now that the Easter holidays have passed, I would like to take a moment to recognise the positive start our Year 11 learners have made to this final term. It was fantastic to see so many students attending the Easter revision sessions, and their attitude towards their studies has been very encouraging.

Period 6 sessions will continue to run and remain a key part of our support programme. Below is a reminder of the timetable. We expect all Year 11 learners to attend Period 6 sessions. If your child is unable to attend a Period 6 session, please email me on the day of the session.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
13/04/2026	Option W	Option X	Option Y		Option Z
20/04/2026	Science	English	Maths		By invite
27/04/2026	Option W	Option X	Option Y		Option Z
04/05/2026	Science	English	Maths		By invite

Attached to this letter is a reminder of 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 have now been uploaded and a full set of materials are now available.

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.

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.**

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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.

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		
HALF TERM		

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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	• Panjabi 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	• Panjabi 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**
Thursday 16th April	• Art (Group 2)
Friday 17th April	• Photography (Option Z)
Monday 20th April	• Photography (Option W)
Tuesday 21st April	• Photography (Option W)

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