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Dear Parents / Carers

I am writing to update you on the changes that students preparing for GCSEs will encounter this year.

The government, the exams regulator Ofqual and the exam boards have confirmed the following:

- GCSE and A level exams will be held between 7th May and 18th June 2026
- It is not necessary for students to memorise formulae for GCSE mathematics and equations for GCSE physics and combined science in 2026. Students will be provided with support materials in the form of formulae and revised equations sheets for GCSE mathematics, physics and combined science exams in 2026. Students should have been given these formulae sheets by their teachers and should familiarise themselves with the sheets. They have also been used throughout the year when conducting trial exams.
- Some GCSE subjects have 2 tiers of entry (foundation or higher). The subjects with tiers of entry are maths, combined science, physics, chemistry, biology and modern foreign languages. Before your daughter exams they should make sure they know which tier they are taking so that they can prepare for, and sit, the correct exam paper.
- There will not be another opportunity to sit the exam or assessment until the following year. Therefore, if you miss it because for example, you forgot about it, you will not be able to sit it on a different day or receive any marks for it.

Contingency dates

In the event that the original date of the examination is disrupted then the examination boards have now timetabled an additional exam date for the 24th June 2026. The contingency day is designed to be used in the event of national or significant local disruption to examinations. This session cannot be used to reschedule an exam that you have missed.

Please ensure that any holidays booked do not fall before the 24th June 2026 for year 11 or 13 students.

Attendance to lessons

Teacher's will be preparing activities to support with last minute revision and consolidation of content, therefore we expect students to attend lessons until they have completed all examinations for the subject.

Getting your results

Students will receive A level results on **Thursday 13th August 2026**

GCSE students will receive their results on **Thursday 20th August 2026** and then go to the Dining Hall for CFGS6 enrolment.

FAQs

Will my daughter in year 11 have to wear her uniform for her exams?

Year 11 Students must wear correct school uniform to all their exams.

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Advice for Exam Days

Following the tips below will help students to feel more in control and less anxious on exam days.

- Get to bed at a sensible time, no later than 11pm. Late night revision is often counter-productive, students need sleep to re-set and be alert for exams
- Ensure you eat breakfast. Your brains need energy to function properly, however consuming energy drinks prior to exams is not advisable.
- Do not try to cram the whole syllabus just prior to the exam. Look at a couple of key pieces of information and remind yourself of the structure of the exam.

All sixth form students will be required to bring in their school ID card.

I would like to take the opportunity to wish all of our students the very best for the exam season and thank parents for their ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

Ms C. Prince

Headteacher

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