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Dear Parent/Carer

With the end of Year 11 now in sight, I wanted to write to share some information about examinations and the support in place leading up to them.

Events prior to written GCSE exams

Students have now completed their final practical work in PE, Acting, Music and Dance, as well as their French oral examinations and final Art exam. Huge congratulations on the time, effort and dedication in this work. For many of our students, this now means that they have finished all assessed requirements of some of their courses.

Preparation for final exams

I would recommend both you and students reviewing the following link again, as it provides a clear user guide to exam expectations:

[Written exams 2025-2026 – Joint Council for Qualifications](#)

In terms of equipment, please ensure your child has the following: pens (black); pencils; ruler; eraser; calculator (scientific); highlighters; protractor and compass. Should the purchase of any of these be a problem, please contact us.

Students should have shared their exam timetables with you, so you are aware of key dates and timings. Be aware that the examination dates and times are externally set and fixed and we have no control over them. It is essential that students attend all timetabled examinations at the **stated date and time**.

Year 11 final timetable arrangements

Alongside planning their revision schedules around examination dates, students will also be supported by our in-school provision. This includes a range of timely booster and warm up sessions (alongside normal lessons) in the run up to each examination. Where students have completed all assessed aspects of a course, this time will be rescheduled to ensure that every minute spent in a classroom is **purposeful and productive**. Please see the enclosed timetable for full details of both examination dates and the booster sessions in place to support this.

I would like to highlight the following key dates for clarity:

- On Friday 22nd May students are only expected in school if they have the GCSE PE examination in the morning.
- **All** students are expected to return to school on Monday 1st June for examinations, booster sessions or usual timetabled lessons.
- The end of Friday 5th June will be the end of timetabled lessons.
- From Monday 8th June students will only be expected to attend school for examinations. There will still be a full complement of relevant booster sessions which students are highly encouraged to continue to attend.
- In terms of supporting travel arrangements or a student's preference to work in school, there will be supervised study spaces available.

Please do get in touch if you have any questions or wish to discuss any aspect of this letter in more detail.

Yours sincerely

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