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Re: Year 13 Exams and Key Dates

Dear parent or carer,

When are the Year 13 exams?

The Summer 2026 examinations start on **Thursday 7th May**. All students have received a personal exam timetable. In addition to the timetabled exams, there is also a national contingency day on **Wednesday 24th June** that students must be available for the event of national exceptional issues that could lead to exams being rearranged.

Medical, dental or any other appointments should not be scheduled at all during the exam period. The exam boards set the date and time of exams and students are unable to sit exams at any other time.

What happens if students miss an exam?

If students miss an exam, they will receive a mark of 0 for the paper that has been missed. If this were to happen, it would significantly impact the overall grade that students achieve for the subject. If students are too unwell to attend school when they have an exam, they will need to provide a doctor's note so that we can prove that this is a genuine absence to the exam boards. If students miss an exam for any other reason, the school will charge parents the cost of the exam entry.

What time are the exams?

Morning exams will start promptly at 9.00am and afternoon exams at 1.00pm. If students are not on time for exams it is down to the exam board's discretion as to whether the student is disqualified from the exam. If a student is disqualified from the exam, then the mark that they will receive for that paper will be 0. Students should arrive at school in sixth form dress code to sit all exams.

What happens to lessons during exam season?

Through the exam period we expect students to attend school as normal. All students will officially leave school on **Monday 22nd June**. However, at the point that students have finished exams and coursework for all of their subjects then they will no longer have to attend school.

When is the Leavers' Celebration?



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To celebrate all students completing their exams, we would like to invite all students into school between **11.30am and 2.00pm on Monday 22nd June** for a Leavers' celebration.

We would also like students to use this opportunity to return any school property such as lanyards, textbooks or art equipment. We strongly encourage attendance at this lovely event we have planned. Please let us know if your child will not be attending so we can cater accordingly.

If you have any questions or would like any further advice about how to support your child throughout this time, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,
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