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Dear Parents / Carers

We have now reached the stage where the Year 11 summer exams commence. Since returning from the Easter break it has been extremely pleasing to see the effort and attitudes of students as they prepare. This last week alongside their regular lessons students have been busy with art and photography 10 hour practical exams, adding the final refinements to coursework in several subjects and competing their maths staples challenges.

The outcomes of the maths staples challenges were another indication of just how far students have come and an affirmation that they are ready for their summer exams and just need to continue working with their teachers and revising as they go through their exam programme.

This week students taking health and social care will sit their examination and then next week we go into the busier exam period with multiple whole year group exams each week starting with English on Monday 12th May.

The most important factor through this exam period is that students attend every day, so that they can benefit from their teachers' support and guidance. We have adapted and created a bespoke Year 11 timetable to ensure they have lessons with subject teachers directly before each exam. For the next few weeks, Year 11 are our VIPs in the academy, and their support and provision is our absolute priority through until the final exam on Monday 16th June.

- On the day of exams, students must be on site by 8:15 am so that they can be registered and attend pre-exam booster sessions.
- Booster sessions and breakfast will be available for each exam for all students from 7:45 am.
- Exams are scheduled to run at the same time across the country, therefore we can adjust start and end times and students must be on time for all exams.

Throughout the exam period we will continue to provide a range of additional support that we encourage all students to take advantage of to support their preparation.

- After-school enrichment sessions for all subjects
- May half-term booster sessions (timetable will be shared)
- Pre-exam breakfast boosters
- [OGAT 2025 Online revision and masterclasses](#) (QR code)
- Assertive mentoring groups



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I am sure that you are busy supporting your child at home with revision for academic success but also very mindful of their physical health in this understandably stressful period. Please encourage them to take regular breaks, eat healthy and ensure they are having sufficient sleep. All which are important during the exam period. Families can also access our [Outwood wellbeing resources](#) .

Through hard work students are not leaving their exam performance down to luck and should have confidence in their efforts, as they are conducting themselves extremely well and taking a mature approach in these final days. Therefore we will not say “good luck” to students, simply “do well”, as from their attitudes they’re leaving nothing to ‘luck’, now it is time to demonstrate just how good they are!

We look forward to celebrating their efforts at the Year 11 Prom at Eastwood Hall on Wednesday 25th June. Please order students tickets via [iPayImpact](#) before the deadline on Friday 9th May.

The Year 11 summer exam calendar is shared below. Please do not hesitate to contact adults at the academy if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Scruby', written in a cursive style.

Mr A Scruby  
Lead Principal

Year 11 Summer 2025 Exams					
	Mon 5th May	Tues 6th May	Wed 7th May	Thurs 8th May	Fri 9th May
AM		Health & Social			
PM					
	Mon 12th May	Tues 13th May	Wed 14th May	Thurs 15th May	Fri 16th May
AM	English Literature	Biology	Geography	Maths (non calculator)	History
PM	Chinese				
	Mon 19th May	Tues 20th May	Wed 21st May	Thurs 22nd May	Fri 23rd May
AM	Chemistry	English Literature	French	Physics	English Language
PM	Chinese			ICT Sport Science	
Half term break					
	Mon 2nd June	Tues 3rd June	Wed 4th June	Thurs 5th June	Fri 6th June
AM			Maths (Calculator)	History	English Language
PM				French	Geography
	Mon 9th June	Tues 10th June	Wed 11th June	Thurs 12th June	Fri 13th June
AM	Biology		Maths (Calculator)	Geography	Chemistry
PM		History		Catering	
	Mon 16th June	Tues 17th June	Wed 18th June	Thurs 19th June	Fri 20th June
AM	Physics				
PM	Music				

*Please note that the above exam timetable shares all of the summer exams, students will sit the exams based on their personal option subjects.*