

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Year 11 Update to the Guidance for the Summer External Examinations 2023

Students across the country will start their external examinations on 15th May. By Friday 13th May students will have been sent their examination timetables detailing their seating arrangements. An overview of the exam timetable and revision sessions can be found on the back of this letter. This letter aims to detail current guidance and expectations of students during the exam season.

Exam Day Timings

AM Exams:

- 8:15/8:25 – Enter the academy, collecting breakfast from S9
- 8:30 – Attend morning exam preparation session (normally in form room)
- 8:50 Line up for exam
- 9:00 – Exam Starts

PM Exams:

- 12:25 – Lunch
- 1:00 – Line up for exam
- 1:15 – Exam starts.

Revision Sessions from 15th May – 24th June

- **Morning Preparation Sessions: For all morning exams** subject staff will run sessions from 8:30 to calm students and give key last-minute tips, warm them up for the exam. Breakfast will be provided from 8:15
- **After-school Revision Sessions:** Wherever possible the night before an exam we have an after-school revision session.

Expectations of students during the exam period

- Know your timetable.
- Have all equipment needed – including 2 black/blue pens, 2 pencils, ruler, rubber, highlighters and calculator.
- Be in full uniform
- Bring your I.D as provided
- Be in morning exam sessions by 8:30
- Line up by 8:50am for morning exams
- Line up by 1pm for afternoon exams
- Follow rule when in examinations (including no phones, talking etc...)
- Attend all timetabled lessons when not in exam (on time)
- When you have finished exam go straight to timetabled lesson
- Come to school with revision material in your bag. You will not be allowed out of lessons to collect revision materials from your teachers.

What happens if my child misses an exam?

If your child is absent due to illness, please notify the school (please speak to Reception) by 8.30am on the morning of the examination. A medical certificate (from GP) or the JCQ Self-Certification Form 14 (see below link) must be produced to the Examinations Officer (Miss Dornelly) within 5 days of the examination.

When will exam results be issued this year?

We will issue results to Year 11 students, in person, on Thursday 24th August. Results are the property of the student and we do not issue them to anyone else, including parents/guardians, without written permission from the student. Any parent/guardian with written permission to collect results must also provide ID on results day. We do not issue results over the phone or by email. Students can leave a stamped addressed envelope with the Exams Officer and have their results posted on results day.

Exam Contingency Day - Wednesday 28th June 2023

A reminder that Wednesday 28th June has been set aside as the contingency day should sustained national or local disruption arise during the June 2023 examination series. This means that all exam candidates must be available to sit exams from the start of the exam season in May until Wednesday 28th June 2023.

Recognising disruption over the last few years - In recognition of the disruption that students have experienced, the following support has been put in place for students taking GCSE and A level exams and assessments in 2023:

- **Support materials:** students will get formulae and equation sheets in some GCSEs and won't have to memorise as much.
- **Grading protection:** protection in place for GCSE student cohorts.
- **Spaced-out timetable:** exam papers in the same subject well spaced out in the timetable.
- **Help with languages:** modern foreign language GCSE papers no longer have to test unfamiliar vocabulary.

More information on how Ofqual have adapted in light of disruption can be found via this link - [Letter to parents April 2023 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Should you have any questions regarding the above, please email BallBr@ormistonsandwell.org.uk or call 0121 552 5501 and ask to speak to Miss Ball.

Yours sincerely,

Miss B Ball
VP Quality of Education

Exam and Revision Timetable

Date			Exams	Morning Exam Warm-up 8:30-8:45 * some students	After School Revision (3-4)
Mon	15	May	Religious Studies AM Italian Listening and Reading [H]	RE* KA/AJO – Conference room	Science Revision
Tues	16	May	Biology Paper 1 AM Urdu Listening and Reading H PM	Science	English Revision
Weds	17	May	English Literature Paper 1 AM	English	History Revision
Thurs	18	May	History: Crime & Punishment	History – SO & ARO Conference *	Maths Revision
Fri	19	May	Mathematics Paper 1 Am	Maths	Science/ Geography Revision
Mon	22	May	Chemistry Paper 1 AM Geography Paper 1 PM	Science	RE or IT Revision
Tues	23	May	French Listening and Reading AM Religious Studies A Digital Information Technology	French – 11/2/Fr – BRB – S9 * 11/1/Fr1/Fr2 – KA – Conference*	English Revision
Weds	24	May	English Literature Paper 2 AM Italian Writing H PM Sport Science exam PM	English	Science Revision
Thurs	25	May	Physics Paper 1 PM Urdu Writing H PM	Science	
Mon	5	June	English Language Paper 1 AM French Writing F & H PM	English	
Tues	6	June	Spanish Listening & Reading F & H		Maths/History Revision
Weds	7	June	Mathematics Paper 2 AM History PM	Maths	
Thurs	8	June	Russian Listening and Reading H		Geography Revision
Fri	9	June	Geography Paper 2 Biology Paper 2 Tier F & H Combined Sci Trilogy Biology P2 F & H	Geography S9 & Conference Room *	
Mon	12	June	English Language Paper 2	English	Science Revision
Tues	13	June	Chemistry Paper 2 am Spanish Writing H pm	Science	Maths Revision
Weds	14	June	Mathematics Paper 3 AM Panjabi Listening and Reading PM Polish Listening and Reading PM	Maths	History Revision
Thurs	15	June	History: Russia & the Soviet Union	History – Conference Room SO & ARO *	Science/ Geog Revision
Fri	16	June	Physics Paper 2 AM Geography Paper 3 PM	Science	
Mon	20	June	Urdu Writing H		Food Revision
Tues	21	June	Food Prep and Nutrition	Food*	
Weds	22	June	Panjabi Writing Tier H Polish Writing Tier H		Business Revision
Thurs	23	June	Retail Business Unit 2: Written FINAL GCSE EXAM TODAY	Business*	

