

10th February 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Summer 2026 GCSE Exam Timetable

I am writing to share the timetable for the 2026 external written exams. MFL speaking exams will take place prior to the written exams starting. Please note that Wednesday 24th June is a contingency date set aside in case of national or significant local disruption to the exam timetable.

The examinations will take place during the summer term, and the timetable is attached to this letter. Please take some time to review the dates and subjects carefully with your child. Closer to the time students will receive their own individual timetables.

Further information regarding examination regulations and expectations will be shared with students in school prior to the examination period. Here is a useful link to information provided by JCQ specifically for students sitting exams this year [Information for candidates documents - JCQ Joint Council for Qualifications](#)

Thank you for your continued support in helping our students prepare for their examinations.

Yours sincerely,



J Thawley

Deputy Head Teacher

Summer 2026 Exam Series - GCSE

20th April to 24th April 2026								
Morning Exam: 9.00am					Afternoon Exam: 1.05pm			
Mon		Photography Practical (group 11A)	All Day	20th		Photography Practical (group 11A)	All Day	Mon
Tue		Photography Practical (group 11A)	All Day	21st		Photography Practical (group 11A)	All Day	Tue
Wed		Photography Practical (group 11D)	All Day	22nd		Photography Practical (group 11D)	All Day	Wed
Thur		Photography Practical (group 11D) ACD Practical (group 11D)	All Day	23rd		Photography Practical (group 11D) ACD Practical (group 11D)	All Day	Thur
Fri		ACD Practical (group 11D)	All Day	24th		ACD Practical (group 11D)	All Day	Fri
Y11	27th April to 1st May 2026							
Morning Exam: 9.00am					Afternoon Exam: 1.05pm			
Mon		Art Practical (group 11A) ACD Practical (group 11B2)	All Day	27th		Art Practical (group 11A) ACD Practical (group 11B2)	All Day	Mon
Tue		Art Practical (group 11A) ACD Practical (group 11B2)	All Day	28th		Art Practical (group 11A) ACD Practical (group 11B2)	All Day	Tue
Wed				29th				Wed

Thur		Art Practical (group 11B) ACD Practical (group 11B1)	All Day	30th		Art Practical (group 11B) ACD Practical (group 11B1)	All Day	Thur
Fri		Art Practical (group 11B) ACD Practical (group 11B1)	All Day	1st		Art Practical (group 11B) ACD Practical (group 11B1)	All Day	Fri
Y11	4th to 8th May 2026							
	Morning Exam: 9.00am				Afternoon Exam: 1.05pm			
Mon				4th				Mon
Tue	Pearson BTEC Tech Awd	Health & Social Care BHS0301 Component 3: Health & Wellbeing	2h	5th				Tue
Wed				6th				Wed
Thur				7th				Thur
Fri				8th	WJEC GCSE	Drama C690U30-1 Component 3: Interpreting Theatre	1h 30m	Fri
	11th to 15th May 2026							
	Morning Exam: 9.00am				Afternoon Exam: 1.05pm			
Mon	AQA GCSE	English Literature 8702/1 Paper 1: Macbeth/A Christmas Carol	1h 45m	11th	WJEC GCSE	Business C510U10-1 Component 1: Business Dynamics	2h	Mon
Tue	AQA GCSE	Religious Studies 8062A/1 Component 1: The study of religions	1h 45m	12th	AQA GCSE	Biology Paper 1: Separate Science Biology 8461/1 Combined Science Biology 8464/B/1	1h 45m 1h 15m	Tue

Wed	AQA GCSE	Geography 8035/1 Paper 1: The physical environment	1h 30m	13th	OCR GCSE	Computer Science J277/01 Paper 1: Computer Systems	1h 30m	Wed
Thu	OCR GCSE	Maths Paper 1 (calculator) J560/01 Maths Paper 4 (calculator) J560/04	1h 30m	14th				Thu
Fri	Pearson GCSE	History 1HIO 10-13 Paper 1: Medicine in Britain	1h 20m	15th				Fri
18th to 22nd May 2026								
Morning Exam: 9.00am					Afternoon Exam: 1.05pm			
Mon	AQA GCSE	Chemistry Paper 1: Separate Science Chemistry 8462/1 Combined Science Chemistry 8464/C/1	1h 45m 1h 15m	18th				Mon
Tue	AQA GCSE	English Literature 8702/2 Paper 2: Inspector Calls/Power & Conflict	2h 15m	19th	OCR GCSE	Computer Science J277/02 Paper 2: Computational Thinking	1h 30m	Tue
Wed	AQA GCSE	French Reading & Listening - 8652/RLF French Reading & Listening - 8652/RLH	1h 20m 1h 45m	20th	AQA GCSE	Religious Studies 8062A/2 Component 2: Thematic studies	1h 45m	Wed
Thu	AQA GCSE	English Language 8700/1 Paper 1	1h 45m	21st	WJEC GCSE	Business C510U20-1 Component 2: Business Considerations	1h 30m	Thu
Fri	AQA GCSE	Physical Education 8582/1 Paper 1: The human body and movement	1h 15m	22nd				Fri
HALF TERM								

1st to 5th June 2026								
Morning Exam: 9.00am					Afternoon Exam: 1.05pm			
Mon	AQA GCSE	Physical Education 8582/2 Paper 2: Socio-Cultural influences	1h 15m	1st				Mon
Tue	AQA GCSE	Physics Paper 1: Separate Science Physics 8463/1 Combined Science Physics 8464/P/1	1h 45m 1h 15m	2nd				Tue
Wed	OCR GCSE	Maths Paper 2 (non-calculator) J560/02 Maths Paper 5 (non-calculator) J560/05	1h 30m	3rd	AQA GCSE	Geography 8035/2 Paper 2: The human environment	1h 30m	Wed
Thu	Pearson GCSE	History 1HIO 2A-2W Paper 2: Elizabethan/American West	1h 50m	4th	AQA GCSE	French Writing 8652/WF French Writing 8652/WH	1h 1h 15m	Thu
Fri	AQA GCSE	English Language 8700/2 Paper 2 Writers' Viewpoints & Perspectives	1h 45m	5th	OCR GCSE	Music J536/05 Component 5: Listening & Appraising	1h 30m	Fri
8th to 12th June 2026								
Morning Exam: 9.00am					Afternoon Exam: 1.05pm			
Mon	AQA GCSE	Biology Paper 2: Separate Science Biology 8461/2 Combined Science Biology 8464/B/2	1h 45m 1h 15m	8th	AQA Level 2	Further Maths 8365/1 Paper 1	1h 45m	Mon
Tue	AQA GCSE	Spanish Reading & Listening 8692/RLF Spanish Reading & Listening 8692/RLH	1h 20m	9th	Pearson GCSE	History 1HIO 30-33 Paper 3: Weimar & Nazi Germany	1h 30m	Tue

			1h 45m					
Wed	OCR GCSE	Maths Paper 3 (calculator) J560/03 Maths Paper 6 (calculator) J560/06	1h 30m	10th	AQA GCSE	Design & Technology Written paper 8552/W	2h	Wed
Thu	AQA GCSE	Geography 8035/3 Paper 3: Geographical applications	1h 30m	11th	AQA GCSE	Food Preparation & Nutrition Written paper 8585/W	1h 45m	Thu
Fri	AQA GCSE	Chemistry Paper 2: Separate Science Chemistry 8462/2 Combined Science Chemistry 8464/C/2	1h 45m 1h 15m	12th				Fri
15th to 19th June 2026								
Morning Exam: 9.00am					Afternoon Exam: 1.05pm			
Mon	AQA GCSE	Physics Paper 2: Separate Science Physics 8463/2 Combined Science Physics 8464/P/2	1h 45m 1h 15m	15th	AQA Level 2	Further Maths 8365/2 Paper 2	1h 45m	Mon
Tue	AQA GCSE	Spanish Writing 8692/WF Spanish Writing 8692/WH	1h 1h 15m	16th				Tue
Wed				17th				Wed
Thu				18th				Thu
Fri				19th				Fri

24th June 2026: Contingency day in the event of national or significant local disruption to examinations in the UK