

ESM/GBE

22nd March 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

YEAR 11 GCSE EXAMINATIONS 2024

Examination and Revision Timetable

The exam season is fast approaching and the first GCSE examination is Biology paper 1 on 10th May 2024 at 8:30 am. Each student has been provided with a copy of the exam timetable with their allocated seat number.

If your child has an exam in the morning, their class teachers will be available from 8:00 am for last minute tips and words of confidence. The students who attend these sessions will receive a complimentary breakfast.

Ofqual Guidance

Exams and assessments are going ahead as normal this year. Ofqual has published its [Ofqual Student Guide 2024 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) on this year's approach to exams (A copy has been attached to this letter). It does not contain any new information but presents the approach in student-friendly language. It looks useful and so I suggest sharing with pupils and families.

In the Ofqual's Student Guide 2024 it requests that all GCSE, A level and VTQ candidates sitting exams this summer *must* keep the following contingency days available, in case exams have to be moved nationally:

- 6 June (pm)
- 13 June (pm)
- 26 June (am and pm).

Please do not to book holidays before the final contingency day.

Other Key Points

- In GCSE maths, physics, and combined science exams, you will be given formulae and equation sheets, so there are fewer things to remember in the exams.
- Your work will be marked and graded in the normal way, as it would have been before the pandemic.



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JCQ Expected Conduct

During the examination season it is important that the student's behaviour is exceptional and they follow the guidelines as outlined by JCQ (Joint Council for Qualifications). Failure to follow these expectations will result in them being reported to the exam board which could lead to disqualification. All students have been provided with a copy of the following documents:

[IFC-Written Examinations 2324 Revision One FINAL.pdf \(jqc.org.uk\)](https://www.jcq.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/2022-Unauthorised-Items-poster-live-text_September22.pdf)

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https://www.jcq.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Warning-to-Candidates-2022_23.pdf

Copies of these documents are attached to this letter. Please can I ask that you read these documents and discuss the important of following the JCQ rules and regulations with your child.

If you have any questions or queries or would like some additional information about the above, please do not hesitate to contact me on emma.housden@she.e-act.org.uk

Yours faithfully

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