



17 March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 11 – final countdown to exams

As we approach an important milestone in your child's academic journey, we would like to provide you with essential information regarding the final few weeks of school before students commence their GCSE examinations.

Recent assessments

We are incredibly proud of how the students have performed over the last few weeks – options subjects carried out assessments w/c 24 February and Core subject assessments took place w/c 3 March in the hall. Students practiced formal exam conditions and coped very well; I hope they appreciated the opportunity for one final practice before the real exams start in May. Year 11s have shown a determination to succeed – there is only five school weeks left (25 school days) until GCSE exams begin.

Teachers have marked students' assessments and will be feeding back in lessons and period 6 sessions in the coming weeks. In addition, staff will be making final predictions based on students' performances in their assessments. Please ensure you as parents/carers are able to access Class Charts as we will be providing key information regularly via the app and encourage your child to attend period 6 sessions and Easter school.

GCSE exams

The summer exams start on 6 May and finish 26 June 2025. Please ensure that no holidays are to be booked between these dates as external examinations cannot be rearranged.

Prior to the summer examinations, students will receive a personal exam timetable; this will tell them the venue for each examination and their seat number. This will also be emailed to students via their school email – please encourage your child to be organised and check this before each exam. As per mock exams, booster sessions will be held every morning at 8:45am and at 1:10pm in the bleachers, as well as some booster sessions taking place in lesson time and after school. Students will have an early lunch at 12:15pm throughout the exam period as well as being able to leave school site once afternoon exams have finished. All students are expected to attend exams wearing full school uniform.

Attendance & punctuality

A reminder that students must attend all exams at the specified time, any failure to attend will result in the cost of the examination being charged to parent(s)/carer(s). Our attendance team will make calls to the parents of any student missing for exams each day. Please note that poor punctuality may result in your child being unable to sit an exam; regulations stipulate that students cannot enter the exam hall more than one hour after the exam has started. Students arriving

after this time will forfeit their exam and score zero. With that in mind, all students should be on school site by 8:40am every morning.

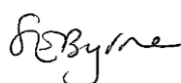
Dates for your diary

- **Friday 25 April – Year 11 revision day at The University of Nottingham**
- **Wednesday 7 May - Year 11 commendation evening** takes place for invited students. Teachers will nominate students over the next few weeks and invitations will be sent out nearer the time.
- **Friday 13 June – Year 11 leavers assembly** (students just coming into school for exams from 16 June onwards).
- **Thursday 21 August – GCSE results day.** Students to arrive at school reception between 9-11am to collect their results. Please note that if students are unable to collect results in person, they will need to authorise in writing for someone else to collect them on their behalf.
- **GCSE certificates** will be available to collect from reception from Monday 1 December – Friday 19 December during school hours.

At The Oakwood Academy, we are committed to working collaboratively with parents to ensure the success of every student. If you have any immediate questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school office to arrange a meeting with the relevant staff. I have included an overview of all exams for your reference.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to working together to help your child achieve their full potential.

Yours sincerely,



Ms S. Byrne
Deputy Head Teacher

GCSE exam timetable 2025

Week	Date	Start Time	Title	Duration
	Thu 1st May	9.00am	Art	5h
	Fri 2nd May	9.00am	Art	5h
1	Tue 6th May	9.00am	Health & Social Care	2h
	Wed 7th May		-	
	Thu 8th May	9.00am	Drama	1h 30m
	Fri 9th May	1.15pm	Business Studies P1	1h 45m
2	Mon 12th May	9.00am	English Literature P1	1h 45m
		1.15pm	Computer Science P1	1h 30m
	Tue 13th May	9.00am	RE P1	1h 45m
		1.15pm	Combined Science Biology + Triple Biology P1	1h 15m/1h 45m

	Wed 14th May	9.00am	Geography P1	1h 30m
		1.15pm	Sport Studies	1h 15m
	Thu 15th May	9.00am	Maths P1	1h 30m
	Fri 16th May	9.00am	History P1	1h 20m
		1.15pm	Business Studies P2	1h 45m
3	Mon 19th May	9.00am	Combined Science Chemistry + Triple Chemistry P1	1h 15m/1h 45m
	Tue 20th May	9.00am	English Literature P2	2h 15m
		1.15pm	Computer Science P2	1h 30m
	Wed 21st May	9.00am	French Listening + Reading	35m/45m + 45m/1h
		1.15pm	RE P2	1h 45m
	Thu 22nd May	9.00am	Combined Science Physics + Triple Physics P1	1h 15m/1h 45m
Fri 23rd May	9.00am	English Language P1	1h 45m	
4	Tue 3rd June	1.15pm	Polish Listening + Reading	35m/45m + 45m/1h
	Wed 4th June	9.00am	Maths P2	1h 30m
	Thu 5th June	9.00am	History P2	1h 50m
		1.15pm	French Writing	1h/1h 15m
	Fri 6th June	9.00am	English Language P2	1h 45m
1.15pm		Geography P2	1h 30m	
5	Mon 9th June	9.00am	Combined Science Biology + Triple Biology P2	1h 15m/1h 45m
	Tue 10th June	9.00am	Spanish Listening + Reading	35m/45m + 45m/1h
		1.15pm	History P3	1h 30m
	Wed 11th June	9.00am	Maths P3	1h 30m
		1.15pm	Contingency	
	Thu 12th June	9.00am	Geography P3	1h 30m
1.15pm		Hospitality & Catering	1h 20m	
Fri 13th June	9.00am	Combined Science Chemistry + Triple Chemistry P2	1h 15m/1h 45m	
	1.15pm	Polish Writing	1h/1h 15m	
6	Mon 16th June	9.00am	Combined Science Physics + Triple Physics P2	1h 15m/1h 45m
		1.15pm	Music	1h 15m
	Tue 17th June	9.00am	Spanish Writing	1h/1h 15m
	Wed 18th June	9.00am	Design and Technology	2h
	Wed 25th June	All day	Contingency	