



Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Re: Year 11 – Summer 2026 IGCSE Examinations & Updated Dates for Year 11 Gold Mock Examinations**

As we approach the Summer 2026 IGCSE examination series, we would like to share important information regarding the confirmed external examination dates for Year 11, along with an update to the scheduling of the Year 11 Gold Mock Examinations.

**Please find attached the schedule of the examinations.**

**Summer 2026 IGCSE Examinations**

The Summer 2026 IGCSE examinations will take place **between late April and early June 2026**. As these are international external examinations, all dates are set by the examination boards and **cannot be changed**. Exams will run on weekdays (Monday to Friday). A full list of the exam dates appears at the end of this letter on **pages 3, 4 and 5**.

Please note that **pupils will only sit the examinations for the subjects they have been entered for**. For example, pupils will sit **either** Combined Science **or** Triple Science, not both.

In the coming weeks, we will provide all pupils with their personalised examination schedules, including start and finish times for each exam, as well as further information about lesson arrangements during the exam period. You will also receive a separate letter detailing your child's specific examination entries and the cost of each examination.

**Study leave for Year 11 will begin on Sunday 10 May 2026.**

Until that date, all pupils are expected to attend lessons as normal in order to benefit from the maximum possible teaching and revision support from subject specialists. From Sunday 10 May onwards, pupils may choose to study at home or may attend school to use supervised quiet study spaces and access subject support where available.



## Updated Dates for Year 11 Gold Mock Examinations

The Year 11 Gold Mock Examinations, originally planned for February, have been **rescheduled**. They will now take place across **three weeks beginning on Sunday 15 March 2026**.

This change has been made for two key reasons:

1. **To allow additional teaching time** so that pupils have fuller coverage of the GCSE/IGCSE course content before sitting their mocks.
2. **To provide more accurate and meaningful assessment outcomes**, as pupils will be better prepared and able to demonstrate a more complete understanding of the material.

During the final week of Ramadan, which coincides with the first week of the Gold Mocks, pupils will sit no more than one examination per day. After completing their exam each day, they will be permitted to go home to rest and study. This adjusted schedule helps ensure pupils are able to perform at their best, manage their wellbeing, and revise effectively during this important period.

The full Gold Mock Examination timetable will be shared **before the February half-term break**.

## Supporting Your Child

Both the Gold Mocks and the final IGCSE examinations are important milestones in your child's academic journey. High attendance, punctuality, and regular revision will be essential for success.

To support learning at home, we strongly recommend the following revision platforms:

- **SAM Learning**
- **Seneca Learning**
- **Dr Frost Maths**
- **Save My Exams** (recommended purchase)

Please ensure your child arrives punctually, in full school uniform, and equipped with the required stationery for every examination.

Thank you for your continued support.

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## **Year 11 – Summer 2026 IGCSE Examination Dates and Durations**

Below is a summary of the **Year 11 IGCSE examinations only**, based on the **June 2026 timetable**. Exam durations are included to help pupils plan their revision and exam-day stamina. Pupils will also receive individual timetables confirming exact start times and rooms.

### **APRIL 2026**

#### **Tuesday 28 April**

- Triple Science – Physics Paper 1 (Oxford AQA) **Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes**

### **MAY 2026**

#### **Thursday 7 May**

- Triple Science – Chemistry Paper 1 (Oxford AQA) **Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes**
- ICT Paper 1 (Pearson) **Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes**
- Arabic Paper 1 (Pearson) **Duration: 2 hours 15 minutes**

#### **Friday 8 May**

- Economics Paper 1 (Pearson) **Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes**

#### **Monday 11 May**

- English Literature Paper 1 (Pearson) **Duration: 2 hours**
- Business Studies Paper 1 (Pearson) **Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes**

#### **Wednesday 13 May**

- Geography Paper 1 (Pearson) **Duration: 1 hour 10 minutes**

#### **Thursday 14 May**

- Triple Science - Biology Paper 1 (Oxford AQA) **Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes**
- Triple Science - Physics Paper 2 (Oxford AQA) **Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes**

#### **Friday 15 May**

- History Paper 1 (Pearson) **Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes**



### **Monday 18 May**

- Triple Science - Chemistry Paper 2 (Oxford AQA) **Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes**
- Combined Science – Chemistry (Core / Extension) **Duration: 1 hour 45 minutes**

### **Tuesday 19 May**

- English Literature Paper 2 (Pearson) **Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes**
- Arabic Paper 2 (Pearson) **Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes**

### **Thursday 21 May**

- English Language Paper 1 (Pearson) **Duration: 2 hours 15 minutes**
- Combined Science – Physics (Core / Extension) **Duration: 1 hour 45 minutes**
- Business Studies Paper 2 (Pearson) **Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes**

### **Friday 22 May**

- Economics Paper 2 (Pearson) **Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes**
- Physical Education Paper 1 (Pearson) **Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes**



## **June 2026**

### **Monday 1 June**

- Triple Science - Biology Paper 2 (Oxford AQA) **Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes**
- Combined Science – Biology (Core / Extension) **Duration: 1 hour 45 minutes**
- Physical Education Paper 2 (Pearson) **Duration: 1 hour 15 minutes**

### **Tuesday 2 June**

- ICT Paper 2 (Pearson – exam window) **Duration: up to 3 hours**

### **Wednesday 3 June**

- Mathematics Unit 2 (Pearson) **Duration: 2 hours**
- Geography Paper 2 (Pearson) **Duration: 1 hour 45 minutes**

### **Thursday 4 June**

- History Paper 2 (Pearson) **Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes**

### **Friday 5 June**

- English Language Paper 2 (Pearson) **Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes**

### **Tuesday 9 June**

- Spanish Papers 1 & 2 (Pearson) **Total Duration: 2 hours 20 minutes**