



24th April 2026

Dear Families

The exam season is fast upon us and it's important that I share with you some key information on the lead up to the examinations and the exam period.

### **Exam Season**

- The exam season officially starts for Ansford on Thursday 7th May and finishes on Wednesday 24th June (all students taking examinations during the summer of 2026 must be available up to and including 24th June 2026, regardless of when their last exam is).
- Statement of Entries were issued in February, and Individual Candidate Timetables were issued before the Easter holidays.

#### ***7th May - 15th June***

- Students will remain **full-time** in school until Monday 15th June so they have specialist teacher input throughout their exam revision period where staff will support students and help them with their revision. Teachers' expertise and input is vital to enable students to achieve their best and therefore maintaining the contact between students and teachers to the end of the exam period is essential.
- Students will attend revision lessons where their normal subject teachers will assist students with their revision and provide materials for students to use.
- Students will receive a new individualised timetable which will start on Thursday 7th May. It will include exam briefing sessions with their normal subject teachers based on the timings of their individual exams.
- If students have an exam in the afternoon, they will have an exam briefing session in the morning with their normal subject teacher to help prepare for the examination.
- If students have an exam the following morning, they will have an exam briefing session in the afternoon of the previous day with their normal subject teacher to help prepare for the examination the following morning.
- Students will also have silent and general revision sessions when they have completed all the exams of the lesson they would normally attend. Students can then choose what they would like to revise and have access to a computer room when available. Students must bring work to these sessions.

#### ***16th June***

- Students who have a Spanish exam will only need to attend school for their exam. Students may stay in school if transport home is an issue. We must be informed if students are staying in school. Please email [attendanceofficer@ansford.mnsp.org.uk](mailto:attendanceofficer@ansford.mnsp.org.uk) if your child is staying in school.



### **Expectations of Students**

- Students are expected to wear school uniform when in school at all times.
- These final weeks in school are really important for all Year 11 students. We expect them to continue to show a continued commitment to their own studies, exhibiting positive behaviours for learning to enable all students to make the most of the opportunities available.

### **Revision**

- It is vitally important students continue to take responsibility for their revision during the exam window and use their timetables effectively to ensure that they are dedicating time to the right topics ahead of each exam, for example, knowing which topics will come up in English Literature Paper 1 and then Paper 2.
- We understand the pressures of exams and how students can feel overwhelmed with their revision. Each department has carefully planned revision to reduce cognitive load. Students can easily access effective resources and personal learning checklists at our new [Revision Hub](#).

### **Celebration Event**

- On Tuesday 5th May we will hold a celebration event, including their celebration assembly, enjoy a BBQ, and sign shirts (students must bring an additional shirt to be signed).
- This will take place during P4, lunchtime and P5 in the Sports Hall.
- Students are welcome to dress smartly for this formal event [suits, collared shirts, dresses etc.] or wear their school uniform.

### **Leavers Hoodies**

- Hoodies will be issued during the celebration event. Students will be allowed to wear their hoodie instead of their school blazer on the 6th, 7th and 8th of May if they wish to, unless they are sitting an exam where students have to wear full school uniform.

### **Prom**

- The Year 11 Prom is taking place on Thursday 9th July, at Holbrook Manor. Initial details have previously been sent to parents/carers and confirmation of final arrangements will follow nearer the time. If you have any queries please contact Helen Martin - [hmartin@ansford.mnsp.org.uk](mailto:hmartin@ansford.mnsp.org.uk).

### **Results Day**

- Examination results will be available for collection in person from the Academy on Thursday 20th August between 9am and 10:30am.
- Results that are not collected during this time will be sent by postal services at noon on the same day.



- Results are collected from PA2, accessed from the staff car park.
- Instructions for entering and exiting the building will be clearly marked.
- Caryford Hall can be used for overflow parking where required.
- If you are unable to collect your results yourself, you should provide authorisation to the Examinations Office ([jdyal@ansford.mnsp.org.uk](mailto:jdyal@ansford.mnsp.org.uk)), prior to results day, for someone to collect your results on your behalf. This authorisation must be in writing and must name the person collecting your results (this can be a family member or friend). The person specified will have to provide proof of identification to us on the day, for us to release your results to them.
- Parents/carers are welcome to accompany you to the Academy site.

### **GCSE Certificate Collection**

- Certificates will be available for collection between 6 - 7.00pm on Wednesday 2nd December.
- Certificates will be available for collecting from PA2, accessed from the staff car park.
- Instructions for entering and exiting the building will be clearly marked.
- Caryford Hall can be used for overflow parking where required.

### **Careers Advice**

- If your child requires additional support in relation to careers and next steps after they leave Ansford Academy, they can still request support from our careers leader Mr Mitchell via email [rmitchell@ansford.mnsp.org.uk](mailto:rmitchell@ansford.mnsp.org.uk).

### **Ongoing Support**

- Our pastoral support of Year 11 students will remain in place up to Friday 26th June (and afterwards should this be required). Mr Willson [bwillson@ansford.mnsp.org.uk](mailto:bwillson@ansford.mnsp.org.uk) is available to continue supporting your child, please contact him should your child require any further assistance.

### **Pre-Loved Uniform**

- We offer pre-loved uniform to some of our families.
- Our service relies on good quality donations from families whose children have outgrown their uniform. Items we need include jumpers, shirts, trousers, skirts, ties and blazers.
- If you have clothes you can donate, please take your items to the academy reception.
- We will ask Year 11 students to donate/hand in their ties and blazers as they leave their last exam, there is no pressure to do this as they may be destined for younger family members but for those who can it would be gratefully appreciated.



Finally, sitting GCSEs can be an intense experience for all the family. In a previous assembly, I advised students to revise regularly for short amounts of time, to take breaks and to make sure they are hydrated. The only way of retaining the vast amount of information needed for the examinations is by regularly revisiting key concepts. It has been proven scientifically that retention of knowledge increases from remembering 10% one month after initially learning to over 80% if you revisit the ideas 4 times during the month.

I have shared with the students that this is a difficult period of time but the benefits of putting the work in now is worth it for the feeling of elation when it is over. They do have to work hard but, as always, if you are worried about your child, please don't hesitate to contact Mr Willson [bwillson@ansford.mnsp.org.uk](mailto:bwillson@ansford.mnsp.org.uk) as previously mentioned.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Karl Musson'.

Karl Musson  
Head of School