



18 May 2026

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

Summer Term Examinations Timetable – Year 10

Year 10 students will have a series of exams starting on Monday 15th June. A timetable is enclosed for your reference and you will also find a copy of it on the website.

The exams are modelled on GCSE papers but will not count towards students' final grades. However, Ofqual and the Department for Education (DfE) decided to adopt long-term arrangements to ensure resilience in the qualifications system should there be any event with such severe consequences that it would necessitate a government decision that the cancellation of exams is required. As part of this we follow the Ofqual guidance on collecting evidence of student performance to ensure resilience in the qualification system – we will retain students' mock papers to ensure we have alternative evidence of student performance to enable alternative methods of awarding grades, such as Teacher Assessed Grades (TAGs).

This is an excellent opportunity for students to experience what it is like to take a number of exams in a small space of time, as they will have to in the summer of 2027. It will also help them to experience what it is like to revise and plan ahead so that they cover all the material needed. Teachers have been covering 'review' sessions in the past weeks to support students with these examinations. Students may have been set revision activities as part of their homework. Students will be given topic lists by their class teachers, so they are clear on what they should be revising.

We expect the students to take these examinations seriously; the examinations are conducted under strict examination conditions in accordance to Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) guidelines. Students have been reminded of the rules and regulations in an assembly last week. They will remember receiving a copy of these regulations in the 'A Student Guide to Examinations and Assessment at Ansford Academy' at the beginning of Year 10. It is highly important that they are familiar with these conditions so that they can get it right in their examinations in the summer of Year 11.

It will be helpful for you to go through the timetable with your child and highlight which examinations they will take on which days, so that when they arrive at the examination, they are prepared.

The results of these examinations are reported to families in the students' End of Year Reports at the end of term.

If you have any concerns about this set of exams, please contact your child's tutor in the first instance.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tracie Walsh".

Tracie Walsh
Head of Year 10