

March 2026

Dear Parents / Carers

We are incredibly impressed with the dedication and effort of our year 11's with their exam revision and preparations as we approach the Summer GCSE exams, now just two school weeks away. Their commitment to their studies is truly commendable and it is clear that they are taking their preparation seriously. We appreciate your continued support in encouraging and motivating them during this crucial period and this was really clear during Year 11 Parents' Evening. Together, we can help them achieve their best possible outcomes.

Key dates and information for year 11 students:

GCSE Practical Examinations

The dates for the practical examinations are below. Students will be given individual time slots by their subject teachers where necessary.

Date	Controlled assessment / Interim examination
Monday 13 th April	Art GCSE exam - all day
Wednesday 15 th April	Art GCSE exam - all day
Tuesday 14 th April	Textiles GCSE exam - all day
Thursday 16 th April	Textiles GCSE exam - all day
Wednesday 15 th April	MFL Speaking exams - (up to Friday 24 th April)

GCSE Written Examinations

Students will be issued with their individual timetables after the Easter holidays. The overall GCSE exams timetable is available on the school website. [Summer External Exams - TT.xlsx](#)

Date	Written Examinations
Thursday 5 th May	GCSE / BTEC written examinations begin
Wednesday 24 th June	Exam Contingency plan

Morning examinations will start at **8.45am** and afternoon examinations will start at **1.30pm**. Students should ensure that they are at the exam venue at least **10 minutes** before the start of the exam fully equipped, e.g. black pens and calculators (where applicable), to avoid any unnecessary stress.

Please note that some afternoon examinations will run beyond the end of the school day, and therefore students will need to make alternative arrangements for travel home on these days. This will definitely apply for students who are entitled to extra time.

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Leaving Date for Students

To maximise learning time before the exams, lessons and learning opportunities will continue as normal until Friday 22nd May, all students are therefore required to attend as normal.

After the May half term, students will be expected to attend lessons for any subjects in which they have not yet sat the exam.

To support students with their final preparation, we will also be running subject-specific '**Warm-Up**' sessions before each examination. These sessions will focus on revising key course content, essential knowledge, and final examination techniques. These lessons will provide invaluable final support and therefore it is essential that students attend these sessions to ensure they are fully prepared. Please find attached the Summer Term Plan for more details.

We also attach a copy of the useful revision Guide Booklet, copies of which were handed out at last night's parents' evening.

Students must wear full school uniform for all Summer exams, including; tie and blazer.

Celebrations

During the Summer term, we look forward to celebrating students' successes over the past five years at Hazel Grove High School through a variety of events, including:

- Year 11 Leavers assembly on Friday 8th May
- Presentation of 'Class of 2026' Hoodies
- Year 11 Prom on Thursday 25th June

As per previous communication, students must meet the established behaviour and attendance criteria, in order to receive their Prom invitation.

Results Day

GCSE results will be available to collect by students from school from 8.30am until 10.30am on **Thursday 20th August**. They can be collected by another person, but **the student** must provide a **signed letter** to authorise this and photographic identification will be needed. We cannot and do not give results out over the telephone or by email.

Please message in to school if you have any queries.

Kind regards



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