



April 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Y11 Study Leave and Leaving Arrangements

As the final GCSE examinations approach, we have thought very carefully about the leaving date and study leave arrangements for our pupils, so that we maximise the use of the remaining lesson time within school, and also provide some study leave for pupils to work quietly and independently at home. We are also keen to mark the completion of secondary education with a special celebratory leavers' service to be held at St Michael's Church. This is an important event and all Y11 pupils are expected to attend.

The full examination timetable is available on the school website. The examination timetable has been used to determine the following leaving and study leave arrangements for pupils:

Thursday 4th June	Final full day of timetabled lessons for pupils. Pupils are expected to be in school full time until this date to attend lessons and sit examinations	
Friday 5th June onwards is a blend of examinations and study leave:		
	Morning Session 8.45am	Afternoon session 1pm
Friday 5 th June	GCSE English Language Paper 2 All candidates	Music STUDY LEAVE for all other pupils
Monday 8 th June	GCSE Combined Science/Biology All candidates	Further Maths & French STUDY LEAVE for all other pupils
Tuesday 9 th June	GCSE SPANISH EXAM STUDY LEAVE for all other pupils	GCSE HISTORY EXAM STUDY LEAVE for all other pupils
Wednesday 10 th June	GCSE Maths Calculator Exam All candidates	Design & Technology STUDY LEAVE for all other pupils
Thursday 11 th June	GCSE GEOGRAPHY EXAM STUDY LEAVE for all other pupils	Engineering STUDY LEAVE for all other pupils
Friday 12 th June	GCSE Combined Science/Chem All candidates	Hospitality and Catering STUDY LEAVE for all other pupils
Monday 15 th June	GCSE Combined Science/Physics All candidates	Further Maths STUDY LEAVE for all other pupils
Tuesday 16 th June	GCSE Spanish (reading)	STUDY LEAVE for all pupils
Wednesday 17 th June	GCSE Spanish (writing)	STUDY LEAVE for all pupils
Thursday 18 th June	Y11 Leavers' Service There will be a leavers' service/ assembly/shirt signing 8.45am-12.00 noon. There are no exams scheduled on this day.	

Please check the examination timetable and individual pupil timetables.

Please be aware that there is a national contingency day set aside on **Wednesday 24th June** for any examinations that have not been able to take place at the planned time. **All pupils must be available to attend examinations on this day**, so it is important that holidays are not booked for this date.

To support pupils and maximise learning during the exam season the following will be in place:

- Full programme of revision sessions on offer (since October 2025)
- Masterclasses, 8am-8.30am for some subjects on the morning of the examination
- Breakfast will be available to purchase in the canteen at 8.30am for Y11s from 11th May- 15th June
- Alternative sessions/revision opportunities in lessons where all the examinations for the subject have already taken place (prior to the commencement of study leave)
- Some subjects (with exams still to come during the study leave period) may invite pupils in for lessons; attendance during the study leave period will be optional
- Pencil cases with required equipment available for each candidate in the examination hall (except calculators)

There are many ways to support your child at home during the examination season. Some of the best ways are:

- Record examination dates onto the family calendar so you can support your child at key points, give reminders, and ensure they are **punctual and fully equipped (calculates when required, e.g. maths and science exams)**
- Encourage good study habits and time management, ensuring a balance between study and wellbeing
- Encourage good sleep habits. It is recommended that teenagers have 8-10 hours sleep each evening, with half an hour wind down time, free from technology, before sleeping
- Creation of a positive atmosphere to build confidence, resilience and promote success
- Promotion of a healthy, balanced diet with plenty of water for hydration.
- Consider any additional pressures at home, and reduce these where possible
- The following link to the NHS website provides further information on helping teenagers deal with examination stress, and a video clip 'coping with exams' <https://www.nhs.uk/mental-health/children-and-young-adults/advice-for-parents/help-your-child-beat-exam-stress/#:~:text=Most%20teenagers%20need%20to,is%20usually%20a%20bad%20idea>.
- Familiarise yourself with the exam rules and regulations as previously circulated by our exams officer so you can support your child in adhering to the rules

Thank you for your support during your child's education at The Deanery. We are very proud of all our Y11 pupils for their hard work and commitment to their studies. We hope to continue with the excellent relationships we have with parents during this examination season and beyond, as pupils move into the next stage of their education within our Sixth Form.

We wish all of our pupils every success for the forthcoming examinations.

Yours Faithfully



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