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Dear Parent/Carer

## **Summer 2026 Examinations**

The summer 2026 exam timetable is now available on our school website. Please check through this with your child. Students will receive an individual timetable closer to the start of their examinations. This must be kept safe as it contains all the information they will need, including exam timings, seating arrangements and candidate number.

The exam season will run from **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May to Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2026**. A "contingency" exam day has been arranged by the awarding bodies on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2026 (all day)**. This contingency day is for GCSE and A Level (or equivalent) examinations and has been put in place "in the event of widespread, sustained national or local disruption to examinations during the Summer 2026 examination series." All exam candidates **must** therefore be available to sit exams from the date of their first exam until Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2026. This decision is not our decision and applies to all candidates in all schools and colleges. Please make a note of this date.

It is the aim of The Deanery High School to make the examination experience as stress-free and successful as possible for all our students. However, the awarding bodies set strict criteria for the conduct of examinations and coursework/non-examination assessments. All of which must be followed precisely by us and all students.

With this in mind, we have produced an Examinations/Assessment Policy and Guidance booklet, which contains information on what your child can expect before, during, and after their exams. A "frequently asked questions" section and notices/information for candidates which are issued by the JCQ (Joint Council for Qualifications). A copy of this booklet is attached with this letter and can be found on our website in the policies section, along with all other JCQ regulation documents.

## **Illness and Punctuality to exams**

Students must attend and be on time for all their exams. If your child is unwell on the day of the exam, you will need to inform us of this as early as possible on the morning of the exam. This should be done via the main school number 01942 768801. Medical evidence from a medical professional i.e. doctor will be requested to send to the awarding body.

## **Exam Costs**

Exams are very expensive, with the average cost of exams for one student being over £400.

**Therefore, in line with our examinations policy, should your child fail to attend an exam without good reason and without informing school, we will request payment for these fees.** This also applies to punctuality, should lateness be without genuine and unavoidable reason, your child will be refused entry to the examination, and you will subsequently be charged the entry fees for the paper for non-completion of the examination. This charge is also made clear in our exams policy.

If you have any queries or need help or advice at any time before, during and after the examination please contact school.

Yours Faithfully

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