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Year 11 Examinations and End of Year Information

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

We are pleased to share the finalised arrangements for our Year 11 students as they enter the forthcoming examination season and move into their final weeks at Priestnall School.

We remain incredibly proud of the hard work and resilience our students continue to demonstrate, and this booklet outlines the support, expectations and structures in place to help them succeed and achieve the very best outcomes.

We hope this information assists you in planning for the important weeks ahead. On behalf of all staff, we extend our very best wishes for success in the upcoming examinations and beyond. Thank you for your hard work, partnership and support over the past five years.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

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EXAM TIMETABLES

The main examination period for Year 11 students will run from **Tuesday 5th May to Tuesday 16th June 2026**. Full attendance during this time is essential, particularly in the final buildup to these crucial assessments.

JCQ has designated a national contingency session in case examinations need to be rescheduled due to widespread disruption which is on **Thursday 24th June 2026** – Full day. All students must remain available on this date. Even if a student completes their last exam earlier, they must still be in the country and prepared to attend should a national contingency arrangement be activated.

Individual exam timetables, including exam entries, room numbers and seating details, will be shared via the Student Portal and the MCAS app in the first week back after Easter. Please check these carefully with your child.

Any errors should be reported immediately to the Exams team by emailing exams@priestnallschool.org.uk or students may visit Mrs Holmes (Exams Manager) in the Exams office (located between CS3 and MA9).

WAVE 3 INTERVENTION

The final phase of our intervention programme will run from **Monday April 13th to Friday 22nd May 2026**. These sessions are designed to consolidate knowledge, build confidence, and provide targeted support delivered by subject specialists.

Attendance at intervention sessions is strongly encouraged. Last year, students who attended intervention regularly achieved almost a full grade higher on average than students who did not access this support.

Targeted Intervention

Your child has received a letter on **Friday 27th March**, during form time outlining their targeted intervention time. These sessions are tailored to individual needs and are an important part of our support strategy. Parents and carers can view all targeted sessions via the Clubs section on the MCAS app.

If you do not wish your child to attend their targeted intervention sessions, please inform school as soon as possible via an MCAS message or by emailing enquiries@priestnallschool.org.uk.

Open Intervention

The sessions outlined in the table below are available as open intervention, meaning any student may attend. These provide additional revision opportunities across a range of subjects.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch	Engineering Design in DT4	Music in MU1	Music in MU1	Sep Sci - Biology in SC5	Geography in GE3
	Mathsboost in CS3	Mathsboost in CS3	BTEC Sport in CS3		
			Mathsboost in CS3		
After School			GCSE PE in CS3	Sep Science - Physics in SC5	Food in DT5
					Sociology in Li2

EXAM REVISION BOOTCAMPS

To support students in feeling fully prepared for each of their examinations, we have organised an extensive programme of Exam Revision Bootcamps. These sessions provide targeted, high-quality teaching immediately before each exam and are designed to help students consolidate knowledge, refine exam skills and build confidence.

Unlike the bootcamps held in advance of the mock examinations, these sessions are personalised to the individual needs of students. In most cases, bootcamps are delivered by each student's own class teacher, allowing content to be precisely tailored. Teachers also use their specialist knowledge to identify key areas of focus, including topics likely to appear on exam papers where applicable.

Teachers can adapt teaching according to:

- students' current strengths and areas for improvement
- the structure and content of each specific exam
- the skills most likely to support success on the paper

These sessions are an invaluable opportunity for students to enter the exam room feeling fully prepared. For this reason, we expect full attendance from every student.

Bootcamp Timetable

Please find a copy of the bootcamp timetable below. There is also a copy of this in the important documents area on the MCAS app.

Date	Breakfast Revision	AM Exam	AM Revision	PM Exam	PM Revision	
Tue	05/05/2026	H & S C	H & S C 1/1			
Wed	06/05/2026					
Thurs	07/05/2026	BTEC Sport	BTEC Sport			
Fri	08/05/2026	Sociology	Sociology 1/2	Drama (U4)	Drama	
Sat	09/05/2026					
Sun	10/05/2026					
Mon	11/05/2026	English lit	English Lit 1/2	Business (U4)	Business 1/2	
Tue	12/05/2026	Eng Des	Eng Des	Biology (U3&U4)	Biology 1/2	
Wed	13/05/2026	Geography	Geography 1/3		Maths (U5)	
Thurs	14/05/2026		Maths 1/3			
Fri	15/05/2026	History	History 1/2	Sociology (U4)	Sociology 2/2	
Sat	16/05/2026				Chemistry (U5)	
Sun	17/05/2026					
Mon	18/05/2026		Chemistry 1/2		English Lit (U5&6)	
Tue	19/05/2026		English Lit 2/2		Geography (U5)	
Wed	20/05/2026	French	French R&L		English Lang (U5&6)	
Thurs	21/05/2026		English Lang 1/2	Business (U4)	Business 2/2	
Fri	22/05/2026	GCSE PE	GCSE PE 1/2	LEAVERS EVENT		
Sat	23/05/2026	H A L F T E R M				
Sun	24/05/2026					
Mon	25/05/2026					
Tue	26/05/2026					
Wed	27/05/2026					
Thurs	28/05/2026					
Fri	29/05/2026					
Sat	30/05/2026					
Sun	31/05/2026					
Mon	01/06/2026	GCSE PE Eng Man	GCSE PE 2/2 Eng Man		Physics (5&6)	
Tue	02/06/2026		Physics 1/2	Russian R&L	Maths (U5&U6)	
Wed	03/06/2026		Maths 2/3	Geography (U4)	History (U5)	
Thurs	04/06/2026		History 2/2	French (U4)	English Lang (U5&6)	
Fri	05/06/2026		English Lang 2/2	Music (U4)	Biology (U5)	
Sat	06/06/2026					
Sun	07/06/2026					
Mon	08/06/2026		Biology 2/2			
Tue	09/06/2026	Spanish	Spanish L&R		Maths (U5&U6)	
Wed	10/06/2026		Maths 3/3	Russian Writing	Geography (U5)	
Thurs	11/06/2026		Geography 3/3	Food (U4)	Chemistry (U5&6)	
Fri	12/06/2026		Chemistry 2/2	Hosp & Catering (U4)	Physics (U5)	
Sat	13/06/2026			Hosp & C Dance		
Sun	14/06/2026					
Mon	15/06/2026		Physics 2/2			
Tue	16/06/2026		Spanish Writing	Spanish (U4)		

ATTENDANCE DURING THE EXAM PERIOD

Students must continue attending school until the end of their final examination. Maintaining routine and access to teacher support throughout the exam period is vital.

Students may only leave school at **1.30pm** on the following dates if they do NOT study History or Geography:

- **3rd June** – Afternoon History Bootcamp
- **10th June** – Afternoon Geography Bootcamp

No other early departure will be authorised. Written consent from parents must be obtained for students to leave early on the above dates.

Students **MUST NOT**:

- Arrive only for afternoon sessions
- Miss their morning lessons

Attendance in Lessons

When students do not have an exam or bootcamp at a particular time, they must attend their normal timetabled lessons.

- If the student has completed all exams for that subject, teachers will provide appropriate study materials or allow independent revision.
- If exams are still ongoing in that subject, students must fully engage in the lesson and will not be permitted to switch to revision for another subject.

Prom Passes

Students are expected to attend school and demonstrate good behaviour throughout their remaining time in school. Any students who do not, risk compromising their place at the school Year 11 Prom.

ATTENDING EXAMS

Punctuality during the examination period is essential. All students must arrive in school by **8:30am** each day and proceed to be registered in their form room. Morning exams begin at 9am, and afternoon exams begin at **1:30pm** — these are *fixed national start times*. Students must therefore arrive at their exam room at least 15 minutes before the scheduled start time.

This early arrival allows staff to:

- register candidates
- complete administrative checks
- distribute exam materials
- read JCQ instructions
- ensure students are seated calmly and correctly

Late Arrival

If a student is running late due to unforeseen circumstances, they — or their parent/carer — must contact school immediately by phoning 0161 549 7300, asking that the message be passed urgently to the Exams Team, Head of Year, or Pastoral Team.

On late arrival, students must report directly to the Student Hub. Under no circumstances should they enter the exam room without permission from the Exams Manager. Entering without authorisation may compromise exam integrity. If a student arrives *too late (over 1 hour)*, the school may be required to refuse them entry under JCQ rules.

Illness During Exams

We hope all students remain well throughout the exam season, but illness can occur. If a student becomes unwell on the morning of an exam, parents/carers should phone 0161 549 7300 immediately and ask to speak to their Head of Year or the Exams Manager.

Students must make every effort to sit their exams. Even if medical evidence is provided, it is not always possible for exam boards to award a grade for a missed assessment. The school will advise on next steps and, if appropriate, apply for special consideration procedures.

Clear communication with the school helps us support the student effectively and ensures that no opportunities are missed unnecessarily.

EQUIPMENT AND UNIFORM FOR EXAMS

To ensure students are fully prepared, it is essential that they bring the correct equipment to every examination. This equipment must be contained in a transparent pencil case or kept together with an elastic band.

Students will need:

- Black ballpoint pen (required for all written answers)
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Eraser
- Scientific calculator (where permitted)
- Pencil sharpener
- Pair of compasses
- Protractor

JCQ regulations state that all written responses must be completed using black ink as scanning equipment will not read other colours.

Students should check their equipment the night before each exam to avoid unnecessary stress.

Uniform

Students must wear full school uniform for all examinations. Before entering the exam room, they must ensure their blazer pockets are empty.

If the weather is warm, students may be permitted to remove blazers before entering the exam room and leave them in the café with their belongings.

Wearing correct uniform ensures examinations are conducted fairly and professionally.

MOBILE PHONES AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVICES

Students must not bring mobile phones or any electronic, web enabled, or data storing devices into the examination room. Prohibited items include:

- Mobile phones
- Smart watches
- Fitness trackers
- MP3/MP4 players
- iPods
- AirPods / Earpods/ headphones
- Any device capable of storing data or connecting to the internet

Possession of any such item during an exam, even if switched off, must be reported to the examination board. This may lead to the student being disqualified from the exam and potentially from subsequent examinations.

Students are strongly encouraged to:

- Leave devices at home
- Hand devices to a parent/carer before leaving for school
- Store allowed personal items safely in the café before entering the exam room

These measures help protect students from unintentional rule breaches.

EXAM REGULATIONS

The school is required to implement a strict and comprehensive set of procedures for all public examinations. These procedures exist to ensure fairness, consistency, and compliance with national requirements set by the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ). Every student must understand and follow these regulations carefully.

Although many of the expectations are common sense, even small breaches, intentional or not, can lead to serious consequences. During the examination season, the school may be inspected by JCQ to confirm that all processes meet the required standards. Inspectors review exam room behaviour, staff procedures, security of papers/materials and the conduct of candidates.

A full copy of the JCQ regulations is printed on the back of each student's exam timetable. These will be issued after the Easter holidays. Parents and carers are strongly encouraged to read through the regulations alongside their child to ensure everyone is aware of expectations.

All school examination documents, including policies and procedures, can also be found at the end of this booklet and on the school website. These documents explain:

- Exam room conduct
- Prohibited items
- Candidate responsibilities
- Special consideration
- The role of invigilators
- Exam security rules

Understanding these regulations helps protect the integrity of the entire examination process.

LEAVERS ASSEMBLY AND SHIRT SIGNING

On **Friday 22nd May 2026**, students should attend school at the usual time of **8:30am**. They will begin their day in their normal timetabled lessons unless they are scheduled to sit their PE examination that morning.

During the morning, all Year 11 students will attend a Leavers Assembly, where we will celebrate their achievements, reflect on their time at Priestnall School, and mark this important milestone. This event provides an opportunity for staff and students to come together and recognise the hard work, dedication and character shown across their five years with us.

Following the assembly, students will have the opportunity to take part in shirt signing, a longstanding tradition that allows them to collect messages, signatures and positive memories from friends and staff. This activity will be supervised to ensure that students can enjoy the occasion safely and respectfully.

Students will also be issued with their leavers hoodies during the day. These serve as a meaningful keepsake of their time at Priestnall and of the community they have been part of.

This day is designed to be a warm, memorable and positive sendoff as students enter the final stretch of their GCSE examinations.

SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE

Exams can be a challenging period, and it is important that students feel supported academically, emotionally and practically. Any student who is struggling with their revision, workload, organisation or wellbeing should reach out for support as soon as possible.

Suitable points of contact include:

- Form Tutor – for day-to-day support and encouragement.
- Head of House – for pastoral guidance, wellbeing support and advice.
- Mrs Cookson – for additional guidance, reassurance and problem solving.

Students should not wait until they feel overwhelmed. Seeking help early enables staff to provide targeted strategies, reassurance and ensures that students stay on top of their workload.

Parents and carers are also encouraged to contact the school if they have concerns or feel their child may benefit from additional support.

We are committed to ensuring that every student feels confident, prepared and fully supported throughout the exam season.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE RECEIPT OF RESULTS

GCSE Results Day for Year 11 will take place on **Thursday 20th August 2026**. Further details regarding timings, collection procedures and venue arrangements will be shared later in the Summer Term.

If a student is unable to collect their results in person, they may request that results be posted home, provided they supply a stamped addressed envelope to the Exams Manager via the school office before **Wednesday 24th June 2026**.

Students should have downloaded and signed into the official Department-for-Education Education Record app before the exams begin. It is anticipated that results will be made available on this platform from **11am** on the morning of results day. However, as this is a brand-new initiative its reliability cannot be assured: we would like to see all students in school on results day morning to celebrate with them and provide support as necessary.

Please note:

- Results cannot be released to a third party unless the student has provided written authorisation in advance.
- Results cannot be issued by phone or email under any circumstances.
- All collection procedures are designed to protect data privacy and comply with exam board requirements.

As an Examination Centre, the school is required to ensure that all candidates are made aware of Enquiries About Results (EARs) before they sit any exams. A full copy of the school's EAR policy is available on the school website.

Students and parents/carers are encouraged to familiarise themselves with this policy should they wish to request a review of marking once results have been issued.

CLOSING MESSAGE

We are incredibly proud of our Year 11 students and the hard work, determination and maturity they have shown throughout their time at Priestnall School. As they approach the final phase of their GCSE journey, we want them to feel supported, confident and ready to achieve their full potential.

If you have any questions, concerns or require further support, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

We wish all our students the very best of luck in their examinations and in the exciting opportunities that lie ahead.