



April 2025

Dear Parents / Carers

### **Key GCSE Exam Information**

I am writing regarding the upcoming GCSE exams, scheduled to commence on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May and finish on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> June 2025. The school's staff continues to work hard to prepare the students for the exams; lessons will continue until the last exam via our collapsed timetable so that we can guarantee that the crucial final moments of preparation are in place for all students.

1. Please ensure you have a copy of your child's exam timetable, personalised copies will be printed and provided to students before Easter. Please also find a full copy of the exams taking place this year at the end of this letter.
2. Students should be continuously revising from now, especially during the Easter holidays. Pupils should use the Revision Timetable planning sheet and revision tips located in their Revision Planners to help.
3. Collapsed Timetable
  - a. Year 11 students do not have study leave. They are expected to attend school every day and they will have 'collapsed timetable' where intensive booster sessions before each exam take place.
  - b. Within this timetable, there are a small number of 'Home Study' sessions – please ensure your child has suitable arrangements for home travel.
  - c. Any non-attendance to lessons during the collapsed timetable period may affect their place at the prom.
4. Last day – Friday 20th June where Leaver's Assembly Takes place, 9:30-10:30

### **Arrangements for the GCSE exams**

Exam sessions begin promptly at 9:00 am for morning exams and 1:00 pm for afternoon exams. Students arriving late are unlikely to be permitted to sit the exam.

On exam mornings, students should aim to arrive at school by 8:30 am to alleviate stress from last-minute rushing. From 8.15 am, the Wilson Canteen will be open to Y11 for independent study, and breakfast will be available for all students on arrival when large exams are taking place.

On days where there is an afternoon exam, the school day will be altered for Year 11 pupils with an early lunch sitting, provided in the Wilson Canteen 12:20-12:50, to enable a 1pm start.

### **Prohibited items**

Electronic devices, including mobile phones and smartwatches, are strictly prohibited in the exam hall during exams. Students are advised to leave these items at home to avoid disruptions. If they bring them into school, they **MUST** be placed in their bags prior to entering the exam halls. They must **NOT** be on their person.



### Support for exams

We warmly encourage any student who may be feeling anxious or uncertain during the examination period to reach out to their teachers or pastoral staff—support is always available, and no concern is too small. Mrs South and Mr Jordan, our Mental Health Ambassadors, are also available for students during the exam season.

### Exam Rules

Please read the JCQ exam rules below. Full details can be found on the [government website](#).

If students fail to follow the rules, they risk being disqualified from their exams.

- I. All students must be in school by 8.40am latest every day.
- II. No mobile phones in the examination room/hall – students need to leave phones at home or in their school bags.
- III. Toilets – students need to go before exams. Toilet pass students should avoid during exams as much as possible as they don't get the time back. Multiple Toilet uses in exams could trigger an exam board investigation.
- IV. Clear plastic pencil case/document wallet. Equipment – Please buy new black pens only, pack of 4 highlighters, pencil, ruler, rubber, maths set including a compass and protractor, scientific calculator.
- V. Students MUST bring their own water in clear plastic bottles with labels removed – no juice
- VI. Students are NOT permitted to leave the examination room, even if they have completed their exam.

### Absences and Punctuality –

These are real exams and none of them can be re-arranged. If students miss an exam, they will get 0 marks and the exam board will calculate their grades based on their other exams. Headaches, tummy aches and other minor ailments are not valid reasons to miss exams, as per JCQ guidelines. If students do not attend on time, they may not be allowed to sit the exam. Absences for hospitalisation or contagious illnesses e.g. norovirus are permitted, but your child must provide evidence for the awarding bodies. GP and Dentist appointments must be rearranged.

If you think your child is going to be absent for any reason or something arises on the day, please contact Mrs O'Neill straight away via email [oneill.m@thecoleshillschool.org] or call the school to discuss arrangements.

### Contingency Days

May I take this opportunity to inform you that the following dates have been designated by Ofqual and the Department of Education as a 'contingency day' for examinations.

- Contingency afternoon session 11th June 2025 PM
- Contingency day 25th June 2025 – all day

The designation of a 'contingency day' within the common examination timetable is in the event of national or significant local disruption to examinations in the United Kingdom. It is part of the awarding bodies' standard contingency planning for examinations. Students must remain available up to and including 25th June 2025 should an awarding body need to invoke its contingency plan for any reason. Therefore, it is advisable that any potential holidays are not booked for departure until after this date.



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### **Results days August 2025**

GCSE Results day – Thursday 21st August, 9am-12.00pm

On a lighter note, we are planning an afternoon of celebration for the year group on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June when they will be able to spend some time together with their form tutors and come together as a year group in a final assembly to remember their time in school. And of course, they then have the Year 11 Prom on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July to look forward to after their exams!

Thank you in advance for your support. If you have any exam related questions, please email me [simmons.j2@thecoleshillschool.org](mailto:simmons.j2@thecoleshillschool.org)

Kind regards  
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## GCSE EXAM TIMETABLE 2025

\* Dance / Drama / Music complete components in school on selected days prior to official examination window opening in May. See separate timetable at the end of this document.



Exam Date	Exam Board	Qualification	Exam Code	Subject	Paper Title	Exam Time	Exam Duration
7 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> April or 9 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Eduqas	GCSE	C65 1QS	Art & Design	Practical Component 2 Externally Set Assignment	All Day	10 hours (5 each day)
6 <sup>th</sup> May	Pearson	BTEC	BPH3/01	Health & Social	Component 3	AM	2hr
8 <sup>th</sup> May	Pearson	BTEC	BPS3	Sport	Component 3	AM	1hr 30m
9 <sup>th</sup> May	OCR	GCSE	J204/01	Business	Paper 1: Business Activity, marketing & people	PM	1hr 45m
12 <sup>th</sup> May	AQA	GCSE	8702/1	English Literature	Literature Paper 1	AM	1hr 45m
12 <sup>th</sup> May	OCR	GCSE	J277/01	Computer Science	Computer Systems – Written Paper	PM	1hr 30m
13 <sup>th</sup> May	AQA	GCSE	8464/B/1F & 1H	Combined Science: Trilogy	Combined Science: Trilogy – Biology Paper 1 (both Tiers)	PM	1hr 15m
13 <sup>th</sup> May	AQA	GCSE	8461/1F & 1H	Biology	Biology Paper 1 (Both Tiers)	PM	1hr 45m
14 <sup>th</sup> May	AQA	GCSE	8035/1	Geography	Geography Paper 1	AM	1hr 30m
15 <sup>th</sup> May	Edexcel	GCSE	1MA1 1F 1MA1 1H	Mathematics	Mathematics Paper 1 (non-calculator) (both Tiers)	AM	1hr 30m
16 <sup>th</sup> May	AQA	GCSE	8145/1A/B  8145/1B/A	History	History Paper 1  Germany, 1890 – 1945: Democracy and Dictatorship  Conflict and Tension – First World War, 1894 – 1918	AM	2hr
16 <sup>th</sup> May	OCR	GCSE	J204/02	Business	Business Paper 2: Operations, finance & influences on business	PM	1hr 30m
19 <sup>th</sup> May	AQA	GCSE	8464/C/1F & 1H	Combined Science: Trilogy	Combined Science: Trilogy – Chemistry Paper 1 (both Tiers)	AM	1hr 15m
19 <sup>th</sup> May	AQA	GCSE	8462/1F & 1H	Chemistry	Chemistry Paper 1 (Both Tiers)	AM	1hr 45m
20 <sup>th</sup> May	AQA	GCSE	8702/2	English Literature	Literature Paper 2	AM	2hr 15m
20 <sup>th</sup> May	OCR	GCSE	J277/02	Computer Science	Computational thinking, algorithms and programming	PM	1hr 30m
21 <sup>st</sup> May	Edexcel	GCSE	1FR0 1F	French Listening Foundation	French Paper 1	AM	35m
21 <sup>st</sup> May	Edexcel	GCSE	1FR0 1H	French Listening Higher	French Paper 1	AM	45m
21 <sup>st</sup> May	Edexcel	GCSE	1FR0 3F	French Reading Foundation	French Paper 3	AM	45m
21 <sup>st</sup> May	Edexcel	GCSE	1FR0 3H	French Reading Higher	French Paper 3	AM	1hr
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	AQA	GCSE	8464/P/1F & 1H	Combined Science: Trilogy	Combined Science: Trilogy – Physics Paper 1 (both Tiers)	AM	1hr 15m
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	AQA	GCSE	8463/1F & 1H	Physics	Physics Paper 1 (Both Tiers)	AM	1hr 45m
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	WJEC	Level 1/2 Vocational Award	5799QA	Engineering	S25 Examination: Unit 3 Solving Engineering Problems	PM	1hr 30m
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	AQA	GCSE	8700/1	English Language	English Language Paper 1	AM	1hr 45m
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Edexcel	GCSE	1RU0	Russian	Russian Listening (both tiers)	AM	35m
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Edexcel	GCSE	1RU0	Russian	Russian Reading (both tiers)	AM	45m

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4 <sup>th</sup> June	Edexcel	GCSE	1MA1 2F 1MA1 2H	<b>Mathematics</b>	Mathematics Paper 2 (calculator) (both tiers)	AM	1hr 30m
5 <sup>th</sup> June	AQA	GCSE	8145/2A/A  8145/2B/C	<b>History</b>	History Paper 2  Britain: Health and the People c1000 to the present day  Elizabethan England, c1568 – 1603	AM	2hr
5 <sup>th</sup> June	Edexcel	GCSE	1FR0 4F/4F	<b>French Writing</b>	Paper 4: Writing in French		1hr 15 F 1hr 20 H
6 <sup>th</sup> June	AQA	GCSE	8700/2	<b>English Language</b>	English Language Paper 2	AM	1hr 45m
6 <sup>th</sup> June	AQA	GCSE	8035/2	<b>Geography</b>	Geography Paper 2	PM	1hr 30m
9 <sup>th</sup> June	AQA	GCSE	8464/B/2F & 1H	<b>Combined Science: Trilogy</b>	Combined Science: Trilogy – Biology Paper 2 (both Tiers)	PM	1hr 15m
9 <sup>th</sup> June	AQA	GCSE	8461/2F & 1H	<b>Biology</b>	Biology Paper 2 (Both Tiers)	PM	1hr 45m
10 <sup>th</sup> June	Edexcel	GCSE	1SPO 1F	<b>Spanish Listening Foundation</b>	Spanish Paper 1	AM	35m
10 <sup>th</sup> June	Edexcel	GCSE	1SPO 1H	<b>Spanish Listening Higher</b>	Spanish Paper 1	AM	45m
10 <sup>th</sup> June	Edexcel	GCSE	1SPO 3F	<b>Spanish Reading Foundation</b>	Spanish Paper 3	AM	45m
10 <sup>th</sup> June	Edexcel	GCSE	1SPO 3H	<b>Spanish Reading Higher</b>	Spanish Paper 3	AM	1hr
11 <sup>th</sup> June	Edexcel	GCSE	1MA1 3F 1MA1 3H	<b>Mathematics</b>	Mathematics Paper 3 (calculator) (both tiers)	AM	1hr 30m
12 <sup>th</sup> June	AQA	GCSE	8035/3	<b>Geography</b>	Geography Paper 3	AM	1hr 30m
12 <sup>th</sup> June	Edexcel	GCSE	1RU0	<b>Russian H&amp;F</b>	Russian Writing	PM	1hr 20m F 1hr 25m H

13 <sup>th</sup> June	AQA	GCSE	8464/C/2F & 1H	<b>Combined Science: Trilogy</b>	Combined Science: Trilogy – Chemistry Paper 2 (both Tiers)	AM	1hr 15m
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16 <sup>th</sup> June	AQA	GCSE	8463/2F & 1H	<b>Physics</b>	Physics Paper 1 (Both Tiers)	AM	1hr 45m
17 <sup>th</sup> June	Edexcel	GCSE	1SPO 4F	<b>Spanish</b>	Spanish Written Foundation Paper 4	AM	1hr 15m
17 <sup>th</sup> June	Edexcel	GCSE	1SPO 4H	<b>Spanish</b>	Spanish Written Higher Paper 4	AM	1hr 20m
18 <sup>th</sup> June	AQA	GCSE	8552/W	<b>Design Technology</b>	Written Examination	AM	2hr