



HITCHIN BOYS' SCHOOL
An Academy Trust

2nd May 2024

Dear Parents & Carers,

The beginning of GCSE exams is upon us. This week the Art students have spent two days producing their final pieces under exam conditions and next Thursday the written exams start in earnest with Religious Studies and Drama. Written GCSE exams then continue every school day until the last exam, 'Timbers', on the 18th June. A full list of the GCSE exam timetable can be found on our website, [here](#), but also on the Noticeboard of EduLink One.

With exams starting the following expectations are in place for Year 11

Lessons up to May Half Term (Friday 24th May):

All Year 11 students must attend school every day.

To accommodate the fact they won't have an exam during every morning and afternoon session we are adjusting the Year 11 timetable slightly (a day by day copy of which will appear on the Noticeboard of EduLink One). Where Heads of Department have requested it, students will have the opportunity to spend the session before each subject's exam with their teacher undertaking some final preparations. When they are not needed in an exam or in a final preparation session, then they will follow their normal timetable but be allowed to revise for whichever exam their revision schedule permits.

Lessons after Half Term (from Monday 3rd June):

All subject teachers will be in their classrooms when timetabled lessons would normally be - should any students wish to come in and have additional support.

Students are effectively on study leave and do not have to come into school when they don't have exams but are strongly encouraged to do so.

Some subjects may offer optional final preparation sessions that we will communicate to you before half term begins.

Expectations around exams:

All students must attend in school uniform. If the weather is excessively hot, they will be invited to remove ties and blazers prior to entering the exam room.

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All students must strictly follow the exam expectations around behaviour in and around the exam rooms. Full details of the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQs) exam regulations can be found on the Noticeboard of EduLink One. Every candidate must be familiar with it and our mock exams and assemblies have highlighted this clearly.

After the last exam:

Mr Ajagbonna's letter from 22nd March 2024 highlights the key dates and information for the period after exams have finished, including details of results day in August and sixth form induction for those returning in September. A copy can be found [here](#).

I am sure all the staff at Hitchin Boys' School will join me in offering the Year 11s the best of wishes for their GCSEs. We look forward to a formal send off on Friday 28th June at Founders Day.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "P. Dawson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'P'.

Mr P. Dawson
Assistant Headteacher

cc - Year 11 Students