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Wednesday 2nd April 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Real GCSE and A-Level exams 2025

I hope this letter finds you well. GCSE and A-level exams begin on Tuesday 22nd April and finish on Friday 20th June. In preparation for this, please read carefully the key reminders below.

1. Y11 and 13 - Please ensure you have a copy of your child's exam timetable which was in their envelopes from Parents' Evening. If not, please email h.tasmin@baconscollege.co.uk for a new copy and/or to make detail amendments.
2. Students should be continuously revising from now especially during the holidays. Y11 only - Please use the planning sheet and revision tips which was inside their white envelopes.
3. Y11 only - Please see attached their drop-down timetable. **Year 11 students do not have study leave. They are expected to attend school every day and they will have 'drop downs' i.e. intensive booster sessions before each exam.** They may be sent home early on a few occasions – if so, you will be notified. Any non-attendance may affect their place at the prom.
4. **Year 13 – are expected to remain in school full time until Friday 23rd May.** After May Half-term, they will be on study leave – however some teachers may request them to attend lessons. You will be notified.
5. **Last day – Friday 20th June**

Exam Rules

1. **Please read the JCQ exam rules attached. If students fail to follow the rules, they risk being disqualified from their exams.**
 - All students must be in school by 8.15am latest every day.
 - **No mobile phones in the hall** – students need to leave phones at home/put in lockers or they will be collected at line-up.
 - **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.
 - Clear plastic pencil case/document wallet. Equipment – Please buy new **black pens only – biro no gel pens**, pack of 4 highlighters, pencil, ruler, rubber, maths set including a compass and protractor, scientific calculator. **We will not be providing them with any equipment.**
 - Students MUST bring their own water in clear plastic bottles – no juice
 - Students must bring their own medication including hayfever remedies.
 - Late finishing exams – due to their length, some afternoon exams may finish after 3.30pm particularly Sixth form exams. **Please avoid calling your child so that there is no risk of their phone ringing during an exam. Text messages are more advisable. They can call you when the exam is over.**



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- Bring revision materials – Students should bring revision materials throughout the exam season – guides/books/notes/flash cards can be used when they are not writing an exam. Please ensure they are keeping up with their homework which is part of their revision.

Absences and Punctuality - These are real exams and none of them can be re-arranged

Only Maths and English Language can be-sat next year at college/sixth form. If students miss an exam, they will get 0 marks for it and the exam board will calculate their grades based on their other exams. Headaches, tummy aches and other minor ailments are not good enough reasons to miss exams. 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 may not necessarily be given a lot of extra marks if they don't write the exam. GP and Dentist appointments must be rearranged. If you think your child is going to absent for any reason or something arises on the day, please contact me and Ms Hickman straight away via email or call the school to discuss arrangements.

6. Results days August 2025

A-Level Results Day – Thursday 14th August, 8.00am-11.00am

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

Only the student or direct relatives can collect results (not friends). If you are not going to be here, please email h.tasmin@baconscollege.co.uk. Results will be emailed to students' Bacon's school account.

7. Saturday School, holiday classes, morning and after school interventions

These will continue throughout the exam period although there may be slight adjustments to the morning and afterschool interventions. Please ensure your child attends their extra classes.

Thank you in advance for your support. If you have any exam related questions, please email me a.anum@baconscollege.co.uk.

Kind regards

Mrs Anum

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