



Headteacher: Mr M Hardy

April 2026

Dear Parent/ Carer

I would like to take this opportunity to communicate a few key messages as Year 13 are approaching the final stages of their exam preparation. Students are still expected to attend all lessons for each subject after this date until the final exam in that subject has been taken.

Maximising revision in lessons

With approx. 4 weeks until the first A Level exam, all lessons are now focused on consolidating knowledge, practising exam technique and ensuring any misconceptions ahead of the exams are addressed. All students are expected to attend all lessons to maximise their learning and to ensure staff can support them through to the exam itself.

Tutor time will also continue but will be a further opportunity for students to revise. Tutors will be there to support students, pass on any important messages and give them a quiet space in which to work.

Formal Exams: 05 May 2026 – 24 June 2026

The formal examination period is between 05 May and 24 June 2026. There is a contingency day on 24 June. Students need to be available on this date even if they do not have an exam. This date has been set by the exam boards in case of any unforeseen circumstances. With formal exams it is not possible to reschedule exams due to any personal circumstances as this is a national timetable with all schools around the country following the same schedule to ensure quality assurance. Attendance is therefore crucial throughout this period.

Year 13 Leavers Assembly: Friday 22 May 2026

Year 13 Leaver's Assembly will be lesson five on Friday 22 May 2026.

UCAS guidance

Once students have received all their university offers, they will need to decide on their firm and insurance choice. These are based on when we get the last decision in from your universities or colleges. **Check the application to see a student's personal deadline.**

If they receive their last decision on or before **31 March 2026**, the reply date is **6 May 2026** (except if you're using Extra to find a place). If you receive your last decision on or before **13 May 2026**, your reply date is **3 June 2026** (including Extra choices). If you receive your last decision on or before **15 July 2026**, your reply date is **22 July 2026** (including Extra choices).

A Level Results Day: Thursday 13 August 2026

A Level results day this year will be **Thursday 13 August 2026**. Further information will follow but we wanted you to put the date in your diaries as we are very much looking forward to sharing this special day with our students and offer guidance beyond sixth form. Results will be available to collect from 8am on this day.

May I take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for their support throughout this challenging year for our Y13 students. In the remaining weeks we look forward to guiding and encouraging students through these final stages before the celebration events in the summer months.

Yours faithfully

Mrs C Barlow
Head of Sixth Form