

April 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing regarding the upcoming GCSE exams, scheduled to commence on Thursday, 8th May, and finish on Wednesday, 18th June 2024. The school's staff continues to work hard to prepare the students for the exams; lessons will continue until the last exam so that we can guarantee that the crucial final moments of preparation are in place for all students.

Small Group Learning (SGL) Holiday sessions

Sessions will run from 9.15 am to 12.30 pm, throughout the Spring break holidays, Monday 7th to Saturday 19th April. Please ensure your son arrives at school by 9.15am. Our focus remains on honing exam techniques and addressing students' individual needs through lessons and interventions. Saturday and half-term sessions will be held, including Bank Holidays, and a tailored timetable for each student will follow.

Revision Homework

We welcome students to attend drop-in sessions for **independent study**. Students with low homework submission will be required to attend **homework support Wednesday-Friday, 9.15 am- 12.30 pm.**

Students achieve at least a grade higher in the subjects for which they consistently complete homework. The homework set by teachers consolidates learning and is the revision for the exam; students must maintain their routine of completing homework over the holidays. We recommend spending a minimum of 2 hours a day, 14 hours a week, on homework.

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 school will be open to Y11 for independent study, and breakfast will be available for all students on arrival.

Equipment

Students should prepare their exam bags the night before, including two black pens, a ruler, a sharpened pencil, a highlighter, and a scientific calculator.

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.

Support for exams

Drop-in sessions will be available on Monday mornings during the exam period to address exam-related anxiety. These sessions will provide students with a supportive environment to discuss any concerns with Ms. Chawluk and Ms. Lafaveres. Ms. Riefe, the school counsellor, is also available to see students for mental health and well-being check-ins.

Upcoming dates

GCSE examinations

Thursday, 8th May - Wednesday, 18th June 2025

Y11 Leavers Celebration Event

Thursday, 19th June 2025

Y12 Induction Day

Friday, 4th July 2025

GCSE Results Day & Sixth Form Enrolment

Thursday, 21st August 2025

Please do not hesitate to contact Mr Russell or myself with any questions or concerns. I want to express my gratitude for your ongoing support of the school and wish all students and families the best as they navigate through the exam period and beyond.

The spring term will finish at the usual time, **3.20 pm, Friday, 4th April**. The Summer term commences **on Tuesday 22nd April, at 8.45 am**.

I wish you a wonderful Spring Break.

Best wishes,

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CENTRAL FOUNDATION BOYS' SCHOOL

Day	Date	AM EXAM	PM EXAM
Monday	05/05/2025	BANK HOLIDAY	
Thursday	08/05/2025	NORMAL LESSONS	DRAMA
Friday	09/05/2025		BUSINESS PAPER 1
Day	Date	AM EXAM	PM EXAM
Monday	12/05/2025	ENGLISH LIT 1	COMPUTING PAPER 1 / MANDARIN
Tuesday	13/05/2025	NORMAL LESSONS	BIOLOGY PAPER 1
Wednesday	14/05/2025	GEOGRAPHY PAPER 1	NORMAL LESSONS
Thursday	15/05/2025	MATHS PAPER 1	NORMAL LESSONS
Friday	16/05/2025	HISTORY PAPER 1	BUSINESS PAPER 2

Day	Date	AM EXAM	PM EXAM
Monday	19/05/2025	CHEMISTRY PAPER 1	PE PAPER 1 / MANDARIN
Tuesday	20/05/2025	ENGLISH LIT 2	COMPUTING PAPER 2
Wednesday	21/05/2025	FRENCH R&L	NORMAL LESSONS
Thursday	22/05/2025	PHYSICS PAPER 1	NORMAL LESSONS
Friday	23/05/2025	ENGLISH LANGUAGE 1	

Day	Date	AM EXAM	PM EXAM
Monday	02/06/2025	NORMAL LESSONS	NORMAL LESSONS
Tuesday	03/06/2025	NORMAL LESSONS	NORMAL LESSONS
Wednesday	04/06/2025	MATHS PAPER 2	NORMAL LESSONS
Thursday	05/06/2025	HISTORY PAPER 2	FRENCH WRITING
Friday	06/06/2025	ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2	GEOGRAPHY PAPER 2

Day	Date	AM EXAM	PM EXAM
Monday	09/06/2025	BIOLOGY PAPER 2	PE PAPER 2
Tuesday	10/06/2025	SPANISH R&L	HISTORY PAPER 3
Wednesday	11/06/2025	MATHS PAPER 3	NORMAL LESSONS
Thursday	12/06/2025	GEOGRAPHY PAPER 3	NORMAL LESSONS
Friday	13/06/2025	CHEMISTRY PAPER 2	

Day	Date	AM EXAM	PM EXAM
Monday	16/06/2025	PHYSICS PAPER 2	MUSIC
Tuesday	17/06/2025	SPANISH WRITING	FOOD TECH
Wednesday	18/06/2025	DESIGN TECH	

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