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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Year 11 Final Summer Examinations

I write at the beginning of what is an extremely important period for our Year 11 learners who are set to embark on their final examinations. I have been extremely impressed with their high level of commitment and positive attitude shown towards their studies following their recent mock exams, and we look forward to continuing to support every learner in maximising their potential in the weeks ahead. This letter serves to provide learners and parents clarification on several key points:

Examination timetable. All students have been provided with an overview of all examinations: 21 April to 15 June 2026. It should be noted that to support any emergency changes by exam boards, students must be available, if called upon, until Wednesday, 24 June 2026.

Morning examinations start at 9:00am, all learners involved in the exam are expected to be in the West Hall by 8:40am to receive any final instructions. Afternoon examinations start at either 1:00pm or 1:15pm. All students involved have the opportunity to have an early lunch.

Tiers of entry. Exam timetables reveal the dates of all examinations alongside their relevant tiers of entry. It is essential that these are checked carefully. Should any issues arise please ensure this is brought to the attention of our exams officer, Miss Pattison, as soon as possible: exam.office@oldburywells.com.

Exam preparation. Students have been recipients of our 'revision revolution' program, designed to build their understanding of various exam preparation strategies e.g. the importance of effective revision timetables, interleaving, Cornell Notes, self-quizzing and the effective use of flashcards. They have also sat three mock examination series across Year 10 and Year 11. Given this broad experience, it is essential that all students apply their understanding of exam expectations by following instructions and listening carefully to information given prior to any examination. Students are required to attend all examinations and any in-school sessions in full school uniform and with the required equipment for each session.

Examination revision and study. The school aims to get the 'balance right' for all learners with regards to revision in school, alongside the opportunity to have personal study time at home. Key arrangements regarding this can be found overleaf.

Looking forward, GCSE results day is on Thursday, 20 August 2026; further details regarding this will be sent out in due course. Without wishing to appear condescending, this is a monumental day for learners, and I would urge them to carefully consider the emotions they felt during our first ever mock results day in December 2025. Hard work and high aspirations will lead to their success.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all students good luck in the weeks ahead knowing that their dedication, effort, organisation and resilience will lead to excellence.

Thank you as always for your support and valuable time.

Yours faithfully

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Tuesday, 21 April – Friday, 22 May: Initial Exam Period A
<p>During this time students will be in school as usual and follow their normal school timetable (unless they are involved in an examination). Staff will continue to plan and deliver lessons to ensure students are fully prepared for that subject. Where a subject is mainly coursework based and which has been completed, students are expected to arrive ready to do independent revision and need to ensure they have the relevant resources to undertake this. Throughout this time, additional revision sessions for some subjects will be planned for students prior to their actual exam. This will ensure that on any given day, students will spend time directly prior to an exam with their subject teacher or subject specialist. Students will receive prior notification of when these sessions will take place and will be supported by staff each day.</p>
Friday, 22 May: Year 11 Final Day
<p>This will be the final day in school for Year 11 students before they formally go on study leave. The outline for the day will be as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• P1+2: Normal lessons (including PE Paper 1 in the morning)• Break time: as normal• P3: Leavers Assembly in East Hall.• P4: 30 mins on East field to sign shirts, take photos. Pupils to leave site at 1.00pm – alternative arrangements to school transport to return home should be made by parents/carers on this day.
Monday, 25 May – Friday, 29 May: Half Term
<p>Students can access revision resources from the school website and other materials via Satchel, MathsWatch etc. Some subject areas will also provide information on revision sessions available during this time. Remember all learners have access to GCSE POD and there is a plethora of high-quality material available for free on SENECA, GCSE Bitesize, Oak Academy and YouTube (such as Mr Bruff).</p>
Monday, 01 June – Monday, 15 June: Exam Period B
<p>During this period, students can undertake revision at home should they wish to do so. When involved with exams they must arrive 20 mins prior to the exam in the West Hall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9:00am start: arrive 8:40am in West Hall• 1:00pm start: arrive 12:40pm in West Hall• 1:15pm start: arrive 12:55pm in West Hall <p>Outside of examinations students are expected to either be in school or revising at home. Lessons will continue to run for all subjects until examinations in that subject area have been completed. We strongly encourage students to continue to attend sessions in school, although understand that some will also benefit from individual study time at home.</p> <p>For our Bridgnorth based families, students can walk home. For those students who live further afield, transport will need to be arranged by parents if their child is not planning to remain in school. Normal transport provision will remain in place for all students in the morning and at the end of the school day (<u>for those who remain on site</u>) throughout the exams.</p> <p>For those remaining in school, where subjects may have been completed, a quiet revision space in the library will be provided.</p> <p><u>Please note that students are not permitted to repeatedly leave or enter the site on any given day; a decision should be made to remain on site or work from home. Should a student attend a morning exam and then plan to attend a revision session later that day, they are expected to remain on site.</u></p> <p>Students should not be in 'town' or hanging around outside of school grounds if they are leaving the school site. It is expected that students are either at home revising or accessing revision in school. <i>Should students be found in breach of this requirement then their right to study leave will be withdrawn and their PROM place will be reviewed.</i></p> <p>Students are required to SIGN IN and SIGN OUT of school when arriving or leaving the site with exception of when arriving for an exam, for which they will be registered when the examination starts.</p>