



29 April 2026

Dear Parents/Guardian

Year 11 GCSE Study & Examinations 2026

Study Leave

The arrangements below have been made for your child's study leave period which commences on Friday 22 May 2026.

A number of students in Year 11 will take either their PE or Economics GCSE examination at 9:00am on Friday 22 May 2026.

Following their examination, they will join the rest of Year 11 to attend their final whole year assembly, before signing shirts with their peers at the front of the school building and saying their final farewells. Staff will then dismiss students from school and the study leave period will begin. We ask that all students are off school premises by 11:30am.

Examinations

All students must attend examinations in full school uniform and ensure they have the necessary equipment. Students should only bring essential belongings onsite, and there is an expectation that these are stored in their lockers. Staff will not take responsibility for any belongings or valuables.

Aim High – Exam Preparation

As we approach the GCSE examination period, we are keen to ensure that every Year 11 student feels confident, supported and well prepared to perform at their very best. Please find attached the [Aim High – Year 11 Exam Preparation Timetable](#). This document outlines a carefully planned programme of **targeted revision and booster sessions** designed to provide students with focused support in the lead-up to each of their GCSE examinations.

The timetable has been structured with two key principles in mind:

- **Pre-exam booster sessions on the day of each examination**, timetabled immediately before students enter the exam. These sessions are designed to reinforce key content, techniques, and exam strategies, helping students to feel calm, focused and ready.
- **Subject-specific revision sessions, where possible, on the day before each examination**, led by students' class teachers. These sessions allow time to revisit priority knowledge, address common misconceptions, and respond to students' questions.



Where exams are not taking place, students will continue to attend **in-class subject revision**, ensuring that teaching time is used productively to support ongoing preparation across all subjects. In addition, a programme of **booster sessions after half term** is included to provide continued support throughout the remainder of the examination period. It is imperative that students arrive punctually for these sessions.

- **Morning exam boosters** will begin at **8.00am**. Students arriving onsite after 8:15am will be unable to attend the booster session and will not be allowed to enter until 8:40am.
- **Afternoon exams boosters** will begin at **11.35am**. Students arriving onsite after 11:45am will be unable to attend the booster session and will not be allowed to enter until 1:00pm.

We would strongly encourage all students to attend the sessions outlined for them, to arrive promptly, and to engage fully with the support being offered.

Study Provision

There is provision in place for students wishing to remain on site after a morning exam to study for an afternoon exam on the same day. Students will be expected to bring their own materials into this space and will be held accountable by our behaviour policy. Accessing this quiet revision room is optional, and students will be able to leave when they wish. Students who use this space must not wander around the school site. Should they wish to leave, we ask that they sign out at Student Services. There is no expectation for those studying to remain for the entire school day.

Wellbeing Support

We appreciate that the GCSE exam time can be overwhelming and a challenge for your child as they prepare to take their exams and for the next stage in their education. The Year 11 Pastoral team and I will be contactable throughout the examination period and welcome student and parent communication, should either of you need support or guidance.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and encouragement and wish your child the very best with their GCSE examinations and their bright future ahead. I look forward to seeing the whole cohort again in July for our School Prom, and again in August to celebrate their successes on Results Day 2026. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school office: meroffice@maidenerleghtrust.org.

Yours sincerely



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