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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we rapidly accelerate through this term, I thought it would be a good time to update you with some key dates and information about GCSE exams and revision sessions.

Exam information can be found on our website, this page will be kept live with the most up to date information. The page link is included below:

[The Bishop of Hereford's Bluecoat School - Exam Information \(bhbs.hereford.sch.uk\)](https://www.bhbs.hereford.sch.uk)

It is imperative that all students follow all the exam rules and regulations, these have been sent to them via emails, they can also be found on our website:

[The Bishop of Hereford's Bluecoat School - Information for Candidates \(bhbs.hereford.sch.uk\)](https://www.bhbs.hereford.sch.uk)

The first written examination will be on Thursday 8th May, and the last possible exam date will be the 25th of June. The 25th of June is a contingency day which could be used nationally in case there are any problems with an exam. There are of course other practical examinations and NEA deadlines before this, as well as spoken exams. Students have received their revision timetables and are populating these in lessons. These should be checked at home as you support your child with their revision. There are now less than eight weeks (and some of those are holiday weeks) until their main exams. This is a crucial time for your child, they should now be revising at home for these exams each and every day. There is also a programme of revision available each day after school for your child, details can be found on our website at:

[The Bishop of Hereford's Bluecoat School - School Clubs & Revision Sessions \(bhbs.hereford.sch.uk\)](https://www.bhbs.hereford.sch.uk)

Staff will let students know about our planned Easter holiday and May half term revision sessions in the very near future.

From Thursday 8th May we will provide students with a free breakfast in the conservatory each day. This will be available from 8am. All year eleven students are entitled to claim a breakfast. Prior to each morning exam there will be a compulsory revision session that will start at 8.20am prompt. Students that have a morning exam will be expected to be in their pre-exam revision session venue at 8.20am. Staff will register the students at 8.20am and share with them important guidance and reminders about the scheduled exam. Students will move from revision to their exam venue at 8.50 am. For all afternoon exams a revision session for that exam will run during lesson three, just before it. Full details of this schedule will be shared with students and can be found at the end of this letter. Students that do not have a scheduled AM exam are expected to be in school by the normal time of 8.45am.

On Friday 23rd May, all students will be in school for their English exam. After this exam, we will hold a celebration event for the students. This is planned for this date because it is a free afternoon in the examination schedule. The celebration event will include fun activities, shirt signing and a church service to commemorate students' time with us.

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After the May half term all students are expected to attend school full time and undertake revision following their usual timetable between exams. Normal lessons and full school days will continue until Friday 13th June. Students are expected to follow their normal timetable when they are not in exams or for a subject scheduled revision session. Students will revise for other subjects once the exam has been completed.

After the 13th of June students are only expected in school for their own pre-exam scheduled revision sessions and exams.

Please note that students are expected to attend their exams in full school uniform.

The school prom is planned for 4th July, further detail will be provided about this nearer to the time.

GCSE results are released on Thursday 21st August. Students will be able to collect their results in school, with their friends and staff, from 9.00am until 10.00am. After 10.00am, results will be emailed to all students at their school email address. We look forward to seeing as many students in school as possible on Thursday the 21st of August 2025.

Further details will be sent to you about the results day process nearer to the time.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on ebunston@bhbs.hereford.sch.uk

Yours sincerely

Ellie Bunston
Deputy Headteacher

Appendix pre-Exam Compulsory Lessons

Breakfast is at 8am and Revision sessions are at 8.20am.

Date	Week	Exam	AM	PM	Pre Exam Revision
8.5.25	B Thurs	Drama	AM		8.20am Drama Studio
12.5.25	A Mon	English literature Paper 1	AM		8.20am Main Hall
12.5.25	A Mon	Computer Science Paper 1		PM	Lesson 3 – room 23
13.5.25	A Tues	Religious Studies Paper 1	AM		8.20am in room 61
13.5.25	A Tues	Biology Triple and Combined Paper 1		PM	Lesson 3 -Triple in room 42, higher in room 52, Foundation KH main hall
14.5.25	A Weds	Geography Paper 1	AM		8.20am in Main Hall
15.5.25	A Thurs	Maths Non-Calculator Paper 1	AM		8.20am Main Hall
16.5.25	A Fri	History Paper 1	AM		8.20am in Main Hall
19.5.25	B Mon	Chemistry Triple and Combined Paper 1	AM		8.20am Triple in 48, Higher in room 52 and Foundation in main hall
19.5.25	B Mon	PE Paper 1		PM	Lesson 3 Main Hall

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20.5.25	B Tues	English Literature Paper 2	AM		8.20am Main Hall
20.5.25	B Tues	Computer Science Paper 2		PM	Lesson 3 in room 23
21.5.25	B Weds	French Reading and Listening	AM		8.20am Foundation tier room 7 and Higher tier rm 18
21.5.25	B Weds	Religious Studies Paper 2		PM	Lesson 3 in Main Hall short course and full course in room 61
22.5.25	B Thurs	Physics Triple and Combined Physics Paper 1	AM		8.20am Triple in 47, Higher in room 43 and Foundation in Main Hall
23.5.25	B Fri	English Language Paper 1	AM		8.20am Main Hall
4.6.25	A Weds	Maths Calculator Paper 2	AM		8.20am Main Hall
4.6.25	A Weds	Health and Social Care		PM	Lesson 3 Room 53
5.6.25	A Thurs	History Paper 2	AM		8.20am in Main Hall
5.6.25	A Thurs	French Writing		PM	Lesson 3 Main Hall
6.6.25	A Fri	English Language Paper 2	AM		8.20am Main Hall
6.6.25	A Fri	Geography Paper 2		PM	Lesson 3 Main Hall

9.6.25	B Mon	Biology Triple and Combined Paper 2	AM		Triple 42, Higher 52, Foundation Main Hall
9.6.25	B Mon	PE Paper 2		PM	Lesson 3 Main Hall
9.6.25	B Mon	Creative I media		PM	Lesson 3 room 23
10.6.25	B Tues	Spanish Reading and Listening	AM		8.20 in room 7
11.6.25	B Weds	Maths Paper 3	AM		8.20 Main Hall
12.6.25	B Thurs	Geography Paper 3	AM		8.20 in Main Hall
13.6.25	B Fri	Further Maths Paper 1	AM		8.20 in room 24
13.6.25	B Fri	Hospitality and Catering	AM		8.20 in room 2
13.6.25	B Fri	Chemistry Triple and Combined Paper 2		PM	Lesson 3 Triple in 48, Higher room 52 and Foundation in Main hall
16.6.25	A Mon	Physics Triple and Combined Physics Paper 2	AM		8.20 Triple in room 47, Higher room 43 and Foundation Main Hall
16.6.25	A Mon	Music		PM	Lesson 3 in music rooms
17.6.25	A Tues	Spanish Writing	AM		8.20 in room 7
17.6.25	A Tues	Food Preparation and Nutrition		PM	Lesson 3 in main hall
18.6.25	A Weds	Design Technology	AM		8.20 in DT rooms
18.6.25	A Weds	Further Maths Paper 2		PM	Lesson 3 in room 24