



FAIRFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents, Carers and Students

Summer Examinations

As the GCSE exams approach I am writing to confirm arrangements for the final few weeks at Fairfield. Our aim is to make this time as positive and supportive as possible, so that all students are able to achieve the best they can in their exams.

Lessons will continue as normal, with some alterations to the timetable to allow for extra revision lessons as detailed on the enclosed timetable up to Friday 26th May when the school breaks up for half term. There are already GCSE exams taking place in practical subjects but the main written exams begin on Tuesday 16th May. **Students will be expected to remain in full school uniform as normal throughout this period, for revision classes and for all their exams (i.e. whenever they are in school).**

Enclosed with this letter is a detailed exam and revision timetable. All students are expected to be in lessons as normal or in a revision lesson (see attached timetable) if they are not in an exam; staff will be teaching critical exam practice and skills and helping students to revise. The revision sessions are carefully planned to be as near to the exam as possible in order to help students focus on specific subjects. We will not authorise absence for students who do not attend school or revision classes as normal.

After the May half term break, students will only be expected in school for organised revision sessions or for the actual exams. **However, students must come to school in uniform at all times and must sign in and out so we know who is on site. This is for safeguarding and fire risk reasons.**

Revision at home is very important during the whole exam period; please support us by ensuring that your child has somewhere quiet to revise, eats and sleeps sensibly and is able to get to school for exams in plenty of time. If your child is ill, or there is any difficulty in getting to an exam, please let us know immediately so that we can put appropriate measures in place. We are aware that sometimes the school buses are late, and we will ensure that all students get their full allocation of time if this happens.

As in previous years, we will be celebrating the last formal day of school for Year 11 on the Friday before half term (May 26th). Students will be in normal lessons Periods 1 to 4 for organised revision. **At lunchtime, students will be allowed to sign shirts or leavers' books if they wish to.** There will then be time with their Form Tutors in Period 5 followed by a special Leavers' Assembly during Period 6. Students will be expected to attend this assembly **in full school uniform**; there will be **no signed shirts** allowed in the assembly. Therefore if they have had their shirt signed they will need to bring a clean shirt for the assembly, either on the day or beforehand (shirts may be left with tutors). Students who do not bring in a clean shirt will miss the assembly and will be supervised in a classroom by a member of staff; we have *never* had to do this in the past and we really hope this action will not be necessary this year either. This will be their last formal occasion as part of Fairfield; it is an important milestone for all of us and we would like to be able to celebrate it with them.



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Finally, we look forward to seeing all Year 11 students at the Prom to be held at Left Bank on Friday 30th June. There will be more details to follow.

Exam results will be available for students to collect from school on **Thursday 24th August from 10 - 11am.**

We do hope that students will come to collect them in person – we want to share in their success and we will also be on hand to help if things have not gone as planned. If the student cannot pick them up in person, **we are not allowed** to give them to anyone else by hand unless we have a signed letter from **the student** (*not parents*) giving someone else permission to collect them. Nor are we allowed to give them out by phone or email in any circumstances. This is part of the exam board regulations.

Any results which are not collected by 2pm will be posted first class to your home address, so they should be received by the next day.

In the Autumn, all students and their parents and carers will receive an invitation to join us for Presentation Evening when we look forward to celebrating the students' time at Fairfield and formally present exam certificates and school awards. Further details about Presentation Evening will be sent home in October.

Thank you for all your support in working together with us to ensure that your child achieves the best GCSE grades they can in the summer.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sue Gaston". The signature is written in a cursive style with a period at the end.

Sue Gaston
Head Teacher

Year 11 GCSE Examination and Revision Timetable 2023

| Exam Date | Time | Subject | Revision Session | Time | Rooms |
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| 16/05/2023 | 9:15AM | Combined Science Trilogy Biology | Monday 15 th May | Period 5 and 6 | Science |
| 17/05/2023 | 9:15AM | English Lit Comp 1 Shakespeare YEAR 10 | Tuesday 16 th May | Period 5 and 6 | English |
| 18/05/2023 | 9:15AM | History Paper 1A Option B | Wednesday 17 th May | Period 3 and 4 | TC1 and TC2 |
| 19/05/2023 | 9:15AM | Mathematics Paper 1 Non Calculator | Thursday 18 th May | Period 5 and 6 | Maths |
| 22/05/2023 | 9:15AM | Combined Sci Trilogy Chemistry P1 | Friday 19 th May | Period 3 and 4 | Science |
| 22/05/2023 | 1:00PM | Geography Paper 1 | Friday 19 th May | Period 5 and 6 | G1, G2 and L3 |
| 23/05/2023 | 9:15AM | French Listening Test | Monday 22 nd May | Period 3 and 4 | H4a |
| 24/05/2023 | 9:15AM | English Lit Comp 2 Prose & Poetry YEAR 10 | Tuesday 23 rd May | Period 1 and 2 | English |
| 25/05/2023 | 9:15AM | Combined Science Trilogy Physics | Wednesday 24 th May | Period 5 and 6 | Science |
| 05/06/2023 | 9:15AM | English Lang Component 1 20th Cent Lit | Thursday 25 th May | Period 5 and 6 | English |
| 05/06/2023 | 1:30PM | French Writing Test | Friday 26 th May | Period 4 and 5 | H4a |
| 06/06/2023 | 9:15AM | Spanish Listening Test | Monday 5 th June | Period 5 and 6 | H3 |
| 07/06/2023 | 9:15AM | Mathematics Paper 2 Calculator | Tuesday 6 th June | Period 3 and 4 | Maths |
| 07/06/2023 | 12:30PM | History Paper 2A Option A | Tuesday 6 th June | Period 5 and 6 | TC1 and TC2 |
| 08/06/2023 | 9:15AM | Further Mathematics Paper 1 | Wednesday 7 th June | Period 5 and 6 | M1 |

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| 09/06/2023 | 9:15AM | Geography Paper 2 | Thursday 8 th June | Period 3 and 4 | G1, G2 and L3 |
| 09/06/2023 | 1:00PM | Combined Science Trilogy Biology P2 | Thursday 8 th June | Period 5 and 6 | Science |
| 12/06/2023 | 9:15AM | English Lang Component 2 Nonfiction | Thursday 8 th June | Period 3 and 4 | English |
| 3/06/2023 | 9:15AM | Combined Science Trilogy Chemistry P2 | Monday 12 th June | Period 3 and 4 | Science |
| 13/06/2023 | 1:30PM | Spanish Writing Test Tier H | Monday 12 th June | Period 5 and 6 | H3 |
| 14/06/2023 | 9:15AM | Mathematics Paper 3 Calculator | Monday 12 th June | Period 5 and 6 | Maths |
| 14/06/2023 | 1:15PM | Music: Listening and Appraising-Written | Monday 12 th June | Period 5 and 6 | H1 |
| 16/06/2023 | 9:15AM | Combined Science Trilogy Physics P2 | Tuesday 15 th June | Period 1 and 2 | Science |
| 16/06/2023 | 1:30PM | Geography Paper 3 | Tuesday 15 th June | Period 5 and 6 | G1, G2 and L3 |
| 19/06/2023 | 9:15AM | Design and Technology Written Paper | Tuesday 15 th June | Period 3 and 4 | D2 |
| 20/06/2023 | 9:15AM | Food Preparation & Nutrition COMP1 | Monday 19 th June | Period 3 and 4 | D4 |
| 20/06/2023 | 9:30AM / 12:30 | Constructing Unit 3: ONSCREEN | Monday 19 th June | Period 5 and 6 | D2 |
| 21/06/2023 | 1:00PM | Further Mathematics Paper 2 | Monday 19 th June | Period 5 and 6 | M4 |