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GCSE SUMMER EXAMINATIONS 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

We would like to take this opportunity to wish your child every success in their forthcoming examinations.

Individual examination timetables give the subject entries and tier (where relevant), together with hall/room and seat allocation. Please check these entries very carefully, along with the spelling of your child's name, as this is how it will appear on their certificates.

Please report any discrepancies to Mrs Gill in the Examinations Office immediately.

The attitude and amount of work done between now and the examinations will have a considerable influence on the final grades achieved. Therefore, it is very important that your child plans their work and revision over the final few months with care. If your child has any concerns, then please do not hesitate to contact their House Progress Leader.

The main GCSE examination period starts on Thursday 7th May 2026. The last timetabled day for examinations is Wednesday 17th June 2026. This is the official leaving date, and it is illegal for students to undertake paid full-time employment before this date.

The awarding bodies have collectively agreed a contingency day for several years now which is always scheduled at the end of the GCSE, GCE AS and A-level examination timetables. The contingency day is in the event of national or significant local disruption to examinations in the United Kingdom, being part of the awarding bodies' standard contingency planning for examinations.

For summer 2026 examinations the contingency day is scheduled for **Wednesday 24th June 2026**. Students must remain available up to and including this date.

All students must attend normal lessons until Friday 8th May 2026. There will be a Leavers' assembly and students will then be dismissed around 12.30pm and asked to leave site. After this they should only attend for examinations. Students may also contact their teachers via email for further support.



Full school uniform is compulsory when attending examinations and all students must attend their examinations even if they follow an alternative curriculum. Please refer to the Revision and Exam Preparation booklet for all instructions, help and advice during examinations.

Enclosed with this letter is a booklet entitled "Examination Information for Students, Parents and Carers". The booklet contains all the information you need to know regarding examination procedures, regulations regarding unauthorised items in an examination, what to do if your child is unwell, etc.

In some subjects, two or more examinations will be timetabled at the same time, which are formal "clashes". This is a common occurrence, and the Examinations Office will organise solutions to these clashes. Students will be informed fully of the arrangements made for any clashes. Your child may need to make alternative arrangements for travel home should they have a late examination.

It is your child's responsibility to ensure that they bring all the necessary equipment needed for their examinations with them, unfortunately we will not be able to loan out equipment.

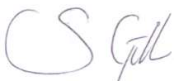
We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that it is the school's policy to charge parents/carers for 'wasted' examination entries e.g. where a student fails to attend for any examination they have been entered for. Non-attendance due to illness must be supported by either valid medical evidence, or by JCQ Form 14 Self-Certification Form, which is available from the Examinations Office.

Examination results will be available to collect on Thursday 20th August 2026 from 8.00am in the Phoenix Hall. This may be subject to any changes made by the Department for Education/Ofqual. Under no circumstances will examinations results be given out over the phone or by email. Information regarding the collection of results and post results procedures will be sent to students before the end of the examinations series. Students will also be able to access their results via the "Education Record" app from 11.00am on results day.

All examination information is available from the examinations section of the school website [Dronfield Henry Fanshawe School - Exam Information \(dhfs.uk\)](https://www.dhfs.uk/exam-information)

The school would like to wish all students every success with their examinations. Thank you for your continued support of the school.

Yours sincerely



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