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Dear Parents, Carers and Students

I am writing to provide information regarding the written examination schedule and examination procedures for the 2026-2027 academic year.

Examination Timetable

The examination sessions for AS, A Level, Level 3 Vocational, BTEC and GCSE qualifications are as follows:

October 2026	Y11 Functional Skills English
November 2026	GCSE English Language and Maths resit examinations
January 2027	BTEC Examinations
11 th January to 29 th January 2027	Y11 and Sixth Form Trial Examinations
10 th May to 22 nd June 2027	AS, A Level, L3 Vocational, BTEC and GCSE Examinations
11 th May to 11 th June 2027	Y12 Trial Examinations (for subjects not sitting a public examination in the summer series)
21 st June to 2 nd July 2027	Y10 Trial Exams Y9 Core Assessments (Math, English and Science) Y9 Reading Tests

In addition, controlled assessments, speaking examinations and practical assessments for specific AS and A Level, Level 3 Vocational, BTEC and GCSE courses will take place throughout the academic year. Further details will be provided by Curriculum Leaders and subject teachers.

Contingency Day

Following the introduction of national contingency arrangements by awarding bodies, a contingency day has been set aside in the event of significant local or national disruption to examinations.

The contingency day for Summer 2027 is **Wednesday 23 June 2027**.

Parents, carers and students are asked to ensure that students remain available to attend examinations up to and including this date.

Examination Protocols and Regulations

Enclosed with this letter is the *Examination Information Guide for Students, Parents and Carers*. This booklet contains important information about examination procedures, as well as the rules and regulations set by the **JCQ (Joint Council for Qualifications)**.

It is essential that all students familiarise themselves with these regulations. We would be grateful if parents and carers could discuss the importance of complying with examination requirements with their child, as failure to do so may result in penalties, including disqualification from an examination.

Copies of all relevant examination guidance documents are also available in the examinations section of the school website.

Study Leave

The provisional study leave dates are as follows:

- **Year 12:** Thursday 6 May 2027, returning to school on Tuesday 8 June 2027
- **Year 13:** Thursday 7 May 2027
- **Year 11:** Friday 28 May 2027

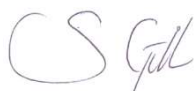
Please note that these dates are **provisional** and may be subject to change.

Our website contains a range of useful examination information and guidance, which can be accessed here:

Dronfield Henry Fanshawe School – Exam Information <https://dhfs.uk/exam-information/>

Should you have any questions regarding examinations, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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