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Dear Parent/Carer

AS/A LEVEL AND VOCATIONAL SUMMER EXAMINATIONS 2025

This year the examination period has combined Y12 and Y13 examinations. It has been decided therefore that:

- the last timetabled lessons for Y12 will be Wednesday 7th May 2025.
- the last timetabled lessons for Y13 will be Thursday 8th May 2025.

Teachers will be using all the available time that remains to prepare candidates for the examinations and therefore it is essential for students to attend all remaining lessons.

The main examination period starts on Monday 12th May 2025. The last timetabled day for examinations is Friday 20th June 2025. 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 exam timetables. The contingency day is in the event of national or significant local disruption to exams in the United Kingdom, being part of the awarding bodies' standard contingency planning for exams.

Following the Covid-19 pandemic, further resilience was needed within the exam timetables. A single contingency day was not felt to be sufficient if a national event or incident had a significant effect on the exam timetable. For example, summer exams could be affected by extremely high temperatures.

For the June 2025 exams, the awarding bodies have therefore introduced an additional half-day contingency session. This will be on **Wednesday 11th June 2025** in the afternoon. The standard contingency day remains at the end of the timetable being scheduled on **Wednesday 25th June 2025**.

Y12 trial examinations (for subjects where there is not an AS exam) will begin Monday 12th May 2025.

Work experience is the week commencing 7th July 2025 for Y12 students to gain valuable skills in preparation for university / college applications or employment.



All Y12 students must return to school on Monday 2nd June 2025 so that:

- work for A Level and Y13 studies can begin
- preparation for higher education / additional work applications can be done

Y12 students are expected to retain their Y12 timetable until the summer holidays. The school recommends that D grades at AS are an appropriate minimum grade for A Level progression, due to the more challenging nature of Year 13 study.

A grade D demonstrates a minimum depth and understanding for progression in all subjects, where an AS examination is not taken, SPR data and trial examinations will indicate whether a student is demonstrating appropriate understanding and skills in the subject. Y12 students who achieve grades E or U will receive an interview with the Sixth Form team where alternative learning aims will be discussed, if appropriate.

Students leaving school this academic year should return their leaving form to school by Friday 20th June 2025 ensuring that all resources have been returned, and exam fees have been paid (if necessary).

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 valid medical evidence, or by JCQ Form 14 Self-Certification Form, which is available from the Exams Officer.

Exam results will be available to collect on Thursday 14th August 2025. Y13 & Y14's may collect their results from 8.00am in the Phoenix Hall and Y12's from 9.00am, this may be subject to any changes made by the Department for Education/Ofqual. Under no circumstances will exam 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 exam series.

All examination information is available from the exams 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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