



Tuesday 24 March 2026

Dear Parents / Carers

YEAR 11 EXAMS and EXAM STUDY LEAVE

Year 11 Public GCSE written exams begin on Friday 8th May 2026 and all students will now have received their Exam Timetable which runs until Monday 15th June 2026. The timetable is now available for you to view by [clicking here](#).

Please go through exactly which dates your child needs to be in school to ensure they do not miss an exam. There will be no opportunities for students to catch up on any exams missed, and they will achieve a 0 (a U grade) for any exams they do not sit, and this will affect their overall average grade. Please note **Wednesday 24th June is the Exam Contingency Date** which may be used if an exam has to move. Please do not book any holidays for your child before 25th June 2026.

Students attend school as normal until the start of their Study Leave. Once Study Leave commences, students must arrive 10 minutes before their exam with all their necessary equipment, at 8:50am for a morning exam and 1:15pm for an afternoon exam. Students must attend exams in full school uniform. Students must arrive on time to their exams, otherwise they risk not getting a grade for that paper. The full regulations for candidates, such as not being allowed a mobile phone in the examination, have been shared with students and are shared [here](#). Please ensure you go through the regulations with your child. One of the most important regulations is that students **must not** have their phones in the exam. In order to prevent your child from exam malpractice (and potential disqualification from one or more exams), we will continue to collect mobile phones that are brought into school and keep them in safe storage for the duration of the exam. It is essential that students follow all instructions from the outset. We strive to ensure full compliance with examination regulations to prevent any instances of malpractice and the risk of disqualification.

There will be no 'Study Leave' or 'Exam Leave' during the **May** examinations to ensure teachers have enough time to deliver essential revision activities during the exam period. However, we are willing to make special consideration for exceptional cases for students to begin their study leave from the **11th May** according to the following criteria:

- Parents / carers are confident that their child is independent enough to study at home and be organised to attend all scheduled exams.
- Students who are at or above their target grades across all subjects in the Spring Monitoring Report and have endorsement from their teachers.
- Students have demonstrated their independence and maturity by getting an average score of 4 for homework in their latest school report.





If you feel your child meets all of this criteria and wish to request early study leave for them, parents please submit an online response to this form before **Friday 17th April: [Request for Approved Study Leave Form: May 2026](#)**

Ms Grover will inform parents of the outcome of the requests for early study leave. Please note that we will keep all parental requests on file for future reference and the responsibility for learning at home will rest with you as parents/carers.

Whilst exams will make up the bulk of students' GCSE grades, in some subjects, coursework (which is completed in school) will also determine the final outcome. Where students have outstanding coursework, they will be required to attend these lessons even if granted early study leave from week commencing **11th May**.

Study Leave begins for all remaining students after the half term, from **Monday 1st June**. For health and safety reasons no student is to remain on site unsupervised. If students have arrangements with teachers to come into school to complete vocational work during those lessons, or to attend extra revision sessions, they may do so but must sign in at reception and sign out immediately after the session they have signed in for and make their way straight home. In exceptional circumstances, if your child cannot be accommodated at home, please email Ms Grover and we will do our best to find a solution.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school by phone or emailing contactus@rooksheath.harrow.sch.uk .

Yours sincerely

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