



07 May 2026

Dear Parents / Carers

### **FINAL PREPARATIONS FOR YEAR 11 EXAMS**

As you are aware, the Year 11 written Public Summer Examination season fully begins on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May. It is, therefore, essential that students are revising consistently every evening and at weekends in order to maximise their chances of success.

Please ensure that your child is working diligently across all subjects during this extremely important period. Students have been provided with Knowledge Organiser booklets and, where applicable, revision guides. They should be committing this content to memory using effective strategies such as flashcards, mind maps, and regular practice of past exam papers, as discussed during our *Strive to Be Your Best* evenings.

#### **Support in School Before Half-Term**

- As a school, we strongly encourage students to make purposeful use of their time and available resources. We will be offering a quiet revision space in the Rookery from 8:15am to 8:45am each morning from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May. There will no more detentions for Year 11 students.

For the next two weeks, while students are still attending school and are not yet on study leave:

- Students must attend Tutor Time as normal at 8:45am
- They will be dismissed from school at the usual time of 3:15pm

#### **Arrangements After Half-Term (Study Leave)**

The arrangements for students once study leave begins on **1<sup>st</sup> June 2026** are as follows:

- Students may arrive at school from 8:15am to revise in the Rookery if they wish.
- Students are required to hand in their mobile phones before the start of each exam. Tutors will explain the procedures for phone hand-in and collection during Tutor Time this week.
- Students must leave the school site promptly after completing each exam. **They are not permitted to remain on site. However, in exceptional circumstances, if your child cannot be accommodated at home, please email Ms Grover and we will do our best to find a compromise.**
- If students have an afternoon exam and require a place to wait, they must return home or they could make use of appropriate local facilities such as a local library.
- For afternoon exams, students must arrive back at school by 1:00pm, **unless** they have requested a free school meal, in which case they should arrive to school by **12:45pm**.
- Each afternoon, students will be informed at Reception where to hand in their phones.





### How You Can Support Your Child

Over the coming weeks, parents and carers can support their child's success by:

- Encouraging healthy eating, regular exercise, and good sleep habits, alongside time to relax and manage stress.
- Helping their child to create and stick to a realistic revision timetable that fits around their exam schedule.
  - During school days, students should aim to revise at least three to four hours each evening.
  - Weekends are vital: students should aim for at least 5 hours of revision each day, using the exam timetable to plan effectively.
- Ensuring revision takes place in a distraction-free environment, away from phones, televisions, and (where necessary) laptops or tablets. This may mean temporarily removing access to phones or supervising revision sessions. These strategies are consistently used by successful students.
- Remaining encouraging and positive — it is never too late for students to increase their effort and make a meaningful difference.
- Checking that your child has all required equipment for each exam, including black pens and subject-specific items such as scientific calculators.

### Students in Receipt of Free School Meals

If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals, please complete the following short form to request lunch provision during study leave from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026:

#### **Exam Season Lunch Arrangements for Year 11 – Summer 2026 ([Link to form](#))**

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school by phone or via email at [contactus@rooksheath.harrow.sch.uk](mailto:contactus@rooksheath.harrow.sch.uk).

Thank you for your continued support at this important time.

Yours sincerely,

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