



# WEST HILL SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

## **Year 11 GCSE Exam Season 2025 – Individual Timetables and Information Booklet**

Your son has been issued with two individual GCSE exam timetables. He has received one copy in yellow and a further copy in green, one for him to keep on him and one for you to keep central to the home.

Within this communication letter is our parent-friendly Exams Guide which should outline key questions or information that many families are unsure of, notably if this is your first child going through this process. Please spend the time reading this through, familiarising yourself with it and we also ask for your discussion around this with your son, too. We will go through this with your son in form time, and a copy of the booklet will be printed and pinned to their form board, in form rooms but the power of them hearing key messages from you and us, is immeasurable. This information is available on the website link below where you can see a full schedule of all GCSE exams taking place over the summer period.

Link: [West Hill School - Exam Information](#).

If your son has some exams that clash, he will be contacted separately by me to make sure he understands the arrangements put in place for him. During this period there may be times when exams finish after 2.55pm. This will especially apply to those who have access arrangements that include extra time or rest breaks. We appreciate your support in making sure your son is fully prepared for what is ahead.

Please ensure you are familiar with your son's timetable so you can fully support him during the exam period. Keep your copy in a visible place and encourage him to be organised with his revision schedule, equipment, time management and expectations.

If you have any questions, please email [hemmings@westhillschool.co.uk](mailto:hemmings@westhillschool.co.uk).

I would like to wish your son every success during this exam season.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Hemmings  
Exams Officer



## Update on our support offer for exams – Six weeks to go

- **Revision and Support Sessions:** We are running a comprehensive calendar of additional support sessions (see page 3). These sessions focus on key topics and provide an opportunity for students to ask questions and clarify any doubts they may have.

Unless otherwise stated, these sessions run from 3-4pm.

Students who have been identified as 'at risk' by teachers have been specifically invited to sessions. Invite e-mails will be sent to parents the night before as a reminder. We appreciate the support that parents are providing by insisting on attendance at these sessions. As I'm sure you are aware, students who do not achieve at least a grade 4 in English or Maths will have to retake them next year. This means that they will have to study English or Maths for at least 3 hours per week. It is far better to study now and aim for the highest grades possible.

- **Seneca:** This is an online revision platform used by many of our subjects. Students are set home-learning but can also explore the revision resources themselves. If you sign up you will be able to track progress and see what has been set. Look out for e-mails from Seneca and click on the link. A parent guide can be found at: [How to use the Parent Platform | Seneca Learning Help Centre](#)
- **Mentoring:** Weekly sessions running to provide one to one and group support to those who we believe need some extra help.
- **Study Skills:** Miss Largey has been running sessions for those who are trying hard but not necessarily making progress. These sessions aim to increase the effectiveness of revision.
- **Assemblies:** These are now following a different schedule to Years 7-10 with a focus on motivation and the winners of the weekly 'Golden Ticket' prizes being selected.
- **Class teacher interventions:** Selected students are being given extra support and tasks to complete to help them boost their grades.
- **Exam Breakfasts:** During the exam period we will be offering toast and drinks in departmental areas from 8.10am. This is so that students can meet up, see their teachers for reassurance and go to the exams ready and confident.

We encourage you to support your child by providing a quiet study environment at home. Regularly reviewing their revision timetable and ensuring they take short breaks to significantly enhance their study efficiency. At this time of year, we expect students to be completing around 90 minutes revision each evening and 3-4 hours at weekends.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me via [admin@westhillschool.co.uk](mailto:admin@westhillschool.co.uk)

Mr Butterworth  
Deputy Headteacher



## Spring 2025 Intervention Offer

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime <del>SpaRx</del> and support M10 Maths 4+ M10 Foundation support M4	Lunchtime <del>SpaRx</del> and support M2	English 4+ and 5+ H3 and H4 Registration booster 5+ M2 Support M2	English before school Registration booster 4+ M2 Lunchtime 7+ M9	English before school Maths <del>SpaRx</del> and support M2
Art A1 A2	Science Trilogy Target 6 8.20am S6 Physics lunchtime S7 Biology Foundation S6 Biology Higher S7 Art A1 A2	Science Required Practical Masterclasses grade 7-9 S6 Art A1 A2 Art lunchtime until exam	Art lunchtime until exam completed	Science Seneca support S1 Art A1 A2
Business Studies 11C	Business Studies 11A 11B	Computer Science C6		
Design Technology M5 A3	Computer Science Python lunchtime drop-in C6 Computer Science masterclass C6 Design Technology 7.45-8.30 M5 Design Technology A3	Design Technology 7.45-8.30 M5 Design Technology M5	Design Technology 7.45- 8.30 M5	Design Technology lunchtime M5 A3 Design Technology M5 A3
Electronics		Food Preparation & Nutrition M6		
Geography lunch H9	Geography lunch H9 German C5			
History H10	Sports Studies NEA and theory P1 RE lunchtime A5		RE (dates subject to change, classes will be informed)	PE Theory P1 Handball Sports Hall RE (dates subject to change, classes will be informed)
Spanish C3	Music NEA support C1 Music practice rooms open before and after school	Music practice rooms open before and after school	Music practice rooms open before and after school	Music practice rooms open before and after school