



Aylsham High School

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Dear Parent/Carer

April 2024

Year 11 exam dates and revision schedule

There are a couple of key dates which will be important as we approach your child's summer GCSE exams.

The exams start on Tuesday 7th May and end on Wednesday 19th June. Students were issued with their individual timetable in March showing the dates and times of their exams. Included with their timetable was an examinations procedure booklet which contains important information and expectations regarding external exams. If required, a further copy of your child's individual exam timetable can be obtained from Mrs Gilbert, who is the school's exams officer, by emailing sgilbert@aylshamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk. A timetable detailing external exam revision sessions can be found on the exams page of the school's website <https://www.aylshamhigh.com/ahs-exams>.

During the exam season, lessons will be running as normal and students are expected to attend these lessons following their regular timetable. We will continue to use this lesson time to support students with their preparation for their exams. Around these lessons we have created some opportunities for extra revision sessions, which will be delivered by subject teachers, for students to attend. Students have found these sessions to be very useful in previous years. Due to timetable restrictions, these sessions may clash with an exam and in this case attendance at the exam will take priority. **A copy of this timetable has been included for your reference. Departments will provide each student with additional details, times and locations of these sessions, nearer the time.** Please contact the head of department if you have any queries; email addresses for staff can be found on the school website: <https://www.aylshamhigh.com/usefulcontactsandemailaddresses>

It is very important that your child attends the revision sessions, especially the ones taking place before an exam. An attendance check will be taken at this point and we will be contacting any students who are absent to ensure that they do not miss their exam.

Students will be expected to continue to attend school and follow their normal timetable after the half term holiday. The first three weeks after the half term contain many key exams and in order to best support students we will continue to work with them during this time. This means that students will be completing revision sessions with teachers in preparation for any remaining exams and finalising any outstanding course topics. In cases where a student has completed an exam for a certain subject, they will either attend extra revision sessions for subjects whose exam they have not yet taken, following the timetable mentioned earlier, or they will be working within their normal timetabled lesson to complete revision for remaining exams. Departments will be able to provide resources to support this work, but we will also be encouraging students to bring their own resources.

We are expecting students to attend normal lessons until they have completed all the exams that they are due to take. It will be important that students wear their full school uniform when attending school during the exam period.

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Shortly, students and parents/carers will be issued with information about their child leaving AHS. In order for students to leave school, we have some processes to complete before their leaving date. The majority of our year 11 students will have a leaving date of Friday 14th June once they have completed their physics exam. Some students will still have exams to complete in DT metal and timber, food preparation, music and further mathematics. Alternative arrangements for these students will be put in place. Your child's leaving date indicates the start of their exam leave and we will not be expecting your child to attend school after this date. By extending the leaving date in this way it means that as well as providing students with extra time to work with their subject teachers, we are also meeting government legislation. In order for your child to leave on this date, we will need to have consent from parents/carers. Further details about the parent/carer online leaving consent and the other processes will be shared shortly via ParentMail.

When attending exams it will be important for students to arrive 10 minutes before the start time. Daily exam information will be available on the notice board outside the exams office. Students will need to bring with them any necessary equipment; a black ball point pen will be needed for all exams. To help with this we have put together exam ready pencil cases, containing the equipment required for exams. We have a few spare exam ready pencil cases left. If your child would like an exam ready pencil case, please can you or your child contact the finance office, finance@aylshamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk, and our finance department will add it to your child's ParentPay to be purchased for £2.

We are expected to follow the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) guidelines during exams. One of the JCQ expectations is that students must not bring electronic devices into the exam hall. This includes watches. Therefore, students will be required to leave phones, headphones, smart watches and regular watches in their lockers **before** they come to the exam hall. Could you please discuss this with your child to help ensure that this requirement is followed.

During the week commencing 11th March, students watched a video during a lesson about the external exams and revision. We are sharing this video with families too so that you are aware of what has been discussed, and to enable those students who were absent to watch the video at home with you. Please follow this QR code to access the video, or alternatively, please click on this link [here](#).



Any further exam updates will be posted on the school website and Twitter (@aylshamhigh) so please check these. An additional date for your diary is GCSE results day which is Thursday 22nd August. Further details regarding the collection of results will be shared with families nearer the time.

On Friday 21st June there will be a celebration day, which will involve various activities in school followed by a buffet lunch and ten pin bowling in Norwich. Further information on this will be shared shortly.

I would like to wish all our students good luck for their summer exams. I am sure that the hard work our students have put into their studies will be reflected in the grades which they achieve.

If you have any questions about the exams taking place, please do not hesitate to contact the school. The first point of contact should be your child's form tutor.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C Bridge'.

Mr C Bridge
Deputy Headteacher

Summer 2024 exam and revision timetable - Year 11									
Week	Day	Date	1	2	break	3	lunch	4	5
2	Fri	3-May		Year 11 RS revision for X band students from their PE lesson					
1	Mon	6-May	Bank Holiday			Bank Holiday		Bank Holiday	
	Tues	7-May	Drama revision years 9, 10 and 11 in normal timetabled lessons			Drama revision years 9, 10 and 11 in normal timetabled lessons		Drama revision years 9, 10 and 11 in normal timetabled lessons	
			Fine art, textiles + graphics exam for option 1 groups			Fine art, textiles + graphics exam for option 1 groups		Fine art, textiles + graphics exam for option 2 groups	
	Weds	8-May				Year 11 Biology revision in normal timetabled lesson			Year 11 RS revision for Y band students from their PE lesson
			Fine art, textiles + graphics exam (students involved have been informed)			Fine art, textiles + graphics exam (students involved have been informed)		Fine art, textiles + graphics exam (students involved have been informed)	
1			GCSE Religious Studies paper 1 year 11 1hr 45min (2hr 12min)			Fine art, textiles + graphics exam (students involved have been informed)		GCSE Drama 1hr 45min (2hr 12min)	
			Fine art, textiles + graphics exam (students involved have been informed)			Fine art, textiles + graphics exam (students involved have been informed)		Fine art, textiles + graphics exam (students involved have been informed)	
	Thurs	9-May	Year 11 French revision in normal timetabled lessons			Year 11 French revision in normal timetabled lessons		Year 11 French revision in normal timetabled lessons	
			Business revision years 9, 10 and 11 in normal timetabled lessons			Business revision years 9, 10 and 11 in normal timetabled lessons		Business revision years 9, 10 and 11 in normal timetabled lessons	
			GCSE Biology paper 1 year 11 1hr 45min (2hr 12min)					Year 11 English revision from science and PE	
	Fri	10-May	GCSE Combined Biology paper 1 year 11 1hr 10min (1hr 28min)			Fine art, textiles + graphics exam (students involved have been informed)		Fine art, textiles + graphics exam (students involved have been informed)	
	Mon	13-May	GCSE English Literature paper 1 year 11 1hr 45min (2hr 12min)			Year 11 Maths A band revision in normal timetabled lessons		Year 11 Maths revision A band in normal timetabled lessons	
			GCSE French Listening F 35min / H 45min						
			Business revision years 9, 10 and 11 in normal timetabled lessons			Business revision years 9, 10 and 11 all option groups. Students who still have exams to complete in history and computer science will not attend this session		GCSE Business paper 1 1hr 30min (1hr 53min)	
	Tues	14-May	Computer science revision years 9, 10 and 11 in normal timetabled lessons			Computer science revision years 9, 10 and 11 in normal timetabled lessons		Computer science revision years 9, 10 and 11 in normal timetabled lessons	
			History revision years 9, 10 and 11 in normal timetabled lessons			History revision years 9, 10 and 11 in normal timetabled lessons		Year 11 History revision in normal timetabled lessons	
2	Weds	15-May	GCSE History paper 1 1hr 15min (1hr 34min)			Year 11 Maths revision for teaching groups B1 to B7 in normal timetabled lessons		GCSE Computer Science paper 1 1hr 30min (1hr 53min)	
			GCSE Maths paper 1 non-calc year 11 1hr 30min (1hr 53min)					Year 11 Chemistry revision in normal timetabled lessons	
	Thurs	16-May	Geography revision years 9, 10 and 11 in normal timetabled lessons			Geography revision years 9, 10 and 11 in normal timetabled lessons		GCSE Religious Studies paper 2 year 11 1hr 45min (2hr 12min)	
			Computer science revision years 9, 10 and 11 in normal timetabled lessons			Computer science revision years 9, 10 and 11 in normal timetabled lessons		Year 11 Geography revision in normal timetabled lessons	
	Fri	17-May	GCSE Chemistry paper 1 year 11 1hr 45min (2hr 12min)			Year 11 English literature revision in normal timetabled lessons and students from RS		Computer science revision years 9, 10 and 11 in normal timetabled lessons	
	Mon	20-May	GCSE Combined Chemistry paper 1 year 11 1hr 10min (1hr 28min)					GCSE Geography paper 1 1hr 30min (1hr 53min)	
			GCSE English Literature paper 2 year 11 2hr 15min (2hr 49min)					Year 11 Physics revision in normal timetabled lessons	
			Computer science revision years 9, 10 and 11 in normal timetabled lessons			Computer science revision years 9, 10 and 11 in normal timetabled lessons		GCSE Computer Science paper 2 1hr 30min (1hr 53min)	
	Tues	21-May	Year 11 French revision in normal timetabled lessons			Year 11 French revision in normal timetabled lessons		PE revision years 9, 10 and 11 in normal timetabled lessons	
			Year 11 French revision in normal timetabled lessons			Year 11 French revision in normal timetabled lessons		Year 11 French revision in normal timetabled lessons	
1			GCSE Physics paper 1 year 11 1hr 45min (2hr 12min)					GCSE PE paper 1 1hr 30min (1hr 53min)	
	Weds	22-May	GCSE Combined Physics paper 1 year 11 1hr 10min (1hr 28min)					Year 11 English language revision in normal timetabled lessons and students from RS and maths	
			GCSE English Language paper 1 year 11 1hr 45min (2hr 12min)					Year 11 English language revision with students from science and PE	
	Thurs	23-May	PE revision years 9, 10 and 11 in normal timetabled lessons			PE revision years 9, 10 and 11 in normal timetabled lessons			
	Fri	24-May	GCSE French Writing F 1hr 15min (1hr 34min) / H 1hr 20min (1hr 40min)					Year 11 Maths revision for students completing the higher paper	
	Mon	27-May	Half term						
	Tues	28-May							
	Weds	29-May							
	Thurs	30-May							
	Fri	31-May							

Week	Day	Date	1	2	break	3	lunch	4	5
	Mon	3-Jun	GCSE Maths paper 2 calc year 11 1hr 30min (1hr 53min)					GCSE PE paper 2 1hr 15min (1hr 34min) GCSE History paper 2 1hr 45min (2hr 12min)	
			Year 11 Geography revision in normal timetabled lessons			Year 11 Geography revision in normal timetabled lessons		Geography revision years 9, 10 and 11 in normal timetabled lessons	
	Tues	4-Jun	Business revision years 9, 10 and 11 in normal timetabled lessons			Business revision years 9, 10 and 11 in normal timetabled lessons		Business revision years 9, 10 and 11 in normal timetabled lessons	
			CAMNAT Health and Social revision years 9, 10 and 11 in normal timetabled lesson			CAMNAT Health and Social revision years 9, 10 and 11 in normal timetabled lesson		CAMNAT Health and Social revision years 9, 10 and 11 in normal timetabled lesson	
	Weds	5-Jun	GCSE Geography paper 2 1hr 30min (1hr 53min)			Year 11 Maths revision in normal timetabled lesson and students from English and RS Business revision for students in year 9 and 10 from their timetabled lessons		GCSE Business paper 2 1hr 30min (1hr 53min) CAMNAT Health & Social 1hr 15min (1hr 34min) Year 11 English revision from science	
2			GCSE English Language paper 2 year 11 1hr 45min (2hr 12min)						
	Thurs	6-Jun	CAMNAT i-media revision years 9, 10 and 11 in normal timetabled lessons			CAMNAT i-media revision years 9, 10 and 11 in normal timetabled lessons		CAMNAT i-media revision years 9, 10 and 11 in normal timetabled lessons	
			Year 11 History revision in normal timetabled lessons			Year 11 History revision in normal timetabled lessons		History revision years 9, 10 and 11 in normal timetabled lessons	
	Fri	7-Jun	Year 11 Maths revision in normal timetabled lessons and students from English	Year 11 Biology revision in normal timetabled lessons and X band from PE		Year 11 Biology revision with students from English and RS		GCSE Biology paper 2 year 11 1hr 45min (2hr 12min) GCSE Combined Biology paper 2 year 11 1hr 10min (1hr 28min)	
	Mon	10-Jun	GCSE Maths paper 3 calc year 11 1hr 30min (1hr 53min)					Year 11 Chemistry revision in normal timetabled lessons and students from Y band PE CAMNAT i-Media year 9,10&11 1hr 30min (1hr 53min)	
1	Tues	11-Jun	GCSE Chemistry paper 2 year 11 1hr 45min (2hr 12min) GCSE Combined Chemistry paper 2 year 11 1hr 10min (1hr 28min)					GCSE History paper 3 1hr 20min (1hr 40min) Level 2 Certificate in Further Maths paper 1 1hr 45min (2hr 12min)	
	Weds	12-Jun				Year 11 Physics revision in normal timetabled lesson		Year 11 Physics revision with students from maths, English and RS	Year 11 Physics revision in normal timetabled lesson with students from PE
			Year 11 Geography revision in normal timetabled lessons			Year 11 Geography revision in normal timetabled lessons		Geography revision years 9, 10 and 11 in normal timetabled lessons	
	Thurs	13-Jun	Music revision years 9, 10 and 11 in normal timetabled lessons DT revision years 9, 10 and 11 in normal timetabled lessons			Music revision years 9, 10 and 11 in normal timetabled lessons DT revision years 9, 10 and 11 in normal timetabled lessons		DT revision years 9, 10 and 11 in normal timetabled lessons	
			Food preparation and nutrition revision years 9, 10 and 11 in normal timetabled lessons			Food preparation and nutrition revision years 9, 10 and 11 in normal timetabled lessons		Food preparation and nutrition revision years 9, 10 and 11 in normal timetabled lessons	
	Fri	14-Jun	GCSE Geography paper 3 year 10&11 1hr 30min (1hr 53min)			Year 11 Physics revision in normal timetabled lessons		GCSE Physics paper 2 year 11 1hr 45min (2hr 12min) GCSE Combined Physics paper 2 year 11 1hr 10min (1hr 28min)	
						Music revision session for year 9, 10 and 11 (year 9 and 10 from their timetabled lesson, year 11 coming into school to attend)		GCSE Music year 9,10&11 1hr45min (2hr 12min)	
	Mon	17-Jun	DT revision Mrs Pulford's groups year 9, 10 and 11. Details to be confirmed with students.					DT revision Mr Walsh's groups year 9, 10 and 11. Details to be confirmed with students. Food preparation revision year 9, 10 and 11. Details to be confirmed with students.	
	Tues	18-Jun	GCSE DT Metal and Timber year 9,10&11 1hr 45min (2hr 12min)						
	Weds	19-Jun	GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition year 9,10&11 1hr 45min (2hr 12min) Level 2 Certificate in Further Maths paper 2 1hr 45min (2hr 12min)						
	Thurs	20-Jun							
	Fri	21-Jun				Year 11 celebration day			
						Year 11 Prom			
	Sat	29-Jun							
Fine Art, Graphics and Textiles exams - take place on Tuesday 7th, Wednesday 8th, Thursday 9th, Friday 10th of May.									
Teachers have informed students when their art/graphics/textiles exams will take place. Details of these have also been emailed to parents/carers via ParentMail.									
French Speaking 15th April - 17th May. Students have been given their individual time slot by their teacher.									