



Aylsham High School

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Dear Parent/Carer

March 2026

Year 9 and 10 exam dates – updated to include the summer exam and revision timetable

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

The exams start on Friday 8th May and end on Monday 15th June. Students have been given a copy of their individual exam timetable. We are also enclosing 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 manager, 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. This timetable has now been finalised, and a copy is included with this letter so that students are aware of the extra revision sessions scheduled to take place during the school day. 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.

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.

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.

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On Thursday 5th March, students attended an assembly about the external exams and revision. Alongside this, we are sharing a 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 Instagram (ahs_information) so please check these. An additional date for your diary is GCSE results day which is Thursday 20th August. Further details regarding the collection of results will be shared with families nearer the time.

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 that reads "C S Bridge".

Mr C Bridge
Deputy Headteacher

Summer 2026 exam and revision timetable - Years 9 and 10

Week	Day	Date	1	2	break	3	lunch	4	5		
2	Mon	4-May	Bank Holiday								Key
	Tues	5-May								REVISION	
	Wed	6-May								EXAM	
	Thurs	7-May	Business revision in normal timetabled lessons			Business revision in normal timetabled lessons		Business revision in normal timetabled lessons			
			Drama revision in normal timetabled lessons			Drama revision in normal timetabled lessons		Drama revision in normal timetabled lessons			
Fri	8-May				Drama revision year 9 and 10 only		GCSE DRAMA 1hr 45mins (2hr 12mins)				
1	Mon	11-May				Business revision year 9 and 10 only		GCSE BUSINESS 1 1hr 30mins (1hr 53mins)			
	Tues	12-May									
	Wed	13-May				Computer science revision year 9, 10 and 11		GCSE COMPUTER SCIENCE 1 1hr 30mins (1hr 53mins)			
	Thurs	14-May	History revision year 9-11 in normal timetabled lessons			History revision year 9-11 in normal timetabled lessons		History revision year 9-11 in normal timetabled lessons			
	Fri	15-May	GCSE HISTORY 1 1hr 20mins (1hr 40mins)								
2	Mon	18-May									
	Tues	19-May				Computer science revision for year 9, 10 and 11		GCSE COMPUTER SCIENCE 2 1hr 30mins (1hr 53mins)			
	Wed	20-May									
	Thurs	21-May				Business revision year 9 and 10		GCSE BUSINESS 2 1 1hr 30mins (1hr 53mins)			
						Tech Awards ICT revision year 9 and 10		TECH AWARD ICT 1hr 20mins (1hr 40mins)			
Fri	22-May	GCSE PE 1 1hr 30mins (1hr 53mins)						PE revision year 9 - 11 in normal timetabled lessons			
Mon	25-May	holiday									
Tues	26-May										
Wed	27-May										
Thurs	28-May										
Fri	29-May										
1	Mon	1-Jun	GCSE PE 2 1hr 15mins (1hr 34mins)								
	Tues	2-Jun	CAMNAT Health and Social revision in normal timetabled lessons			CAMNAT Health and Social revision in normal timetabled lessons		GCSE RUSSIAN LISTENING (45mins) / READING(1hr 5mins)			
			History revision in normal timetabled lessons			History revision in normal timetabled lessons		CAMNAT Health and Social revision in normal timetabled lessons			
	Wed	3-Jun						History revision in normal timetabled lessons			
	Thurs	4-Jun	GCSE HISTORY 2 1hr 50mins (2hr 18mins)					CAMNAT HEALTH & SOCIAL 1hr 15 mins (1hr 34mins)			
Fri	5-Jun						Music revision in normal timetabled lessons				
2	Mon	8-Jun						GCSE MUSIC 1hr 45mins (2hr 12mins)			
	Tues	9-Jun	Food Preparation and Nutrition revision in normal timetabled lessons			Food Preparation and Nutrition revision in normal timetabled lessons		GCSE HISTORY 3 1hr 30mins (1hr 53mins)			
								Food Preparation and Nutrition revision in normal timetabled lessons			
	Wed	10-Jun				DT revision for year 9, 10 and 11		GCSE DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY 1hr 45mins (2hr 12mins)			
								GCSE RUSSIAN WRITING (1hr 25mins)			
Thurs	11-Jun						GCSE FOOD PREP 1hr 30mins (1hr 53 mins)				
Fri	12-Jun										

Fine Art, Graphics and Textiles exams - take place on Tuesday 24th, Wednesday 25th, Thursday 26th, Friday 27th March
Teachers have informed students when their art/graphics/textiles exams will take place.



AYLSHAM HIGH SCHOOL

EXAMINATION PROCEDURES SUMMER 2026 EXAM SERIES

To help you successfully complete your summer exams, there are some important expectations that we need to remind you about. Please read this information carefully, discuss it with your family and keep the document safe for future reference.

Location

The majority of your exams will take place in the hall. Some students may complete exams in other locations. Mrs Gilbert will have communicated this with these students.

Timing

- Morning exams begin at 9.00am. Students are expected to be in the dining room at 8.50am so that we can go through the preparations prior to the start of the exam.
- The majority of afternoon exams will start at 1.20pm. Students will need to be in the dining room at 1.10pm to go through the preparations prior to the start of the exam. Some of the longer exams in the afternoon will start at an early time so that they can be completed in time for students to get their bus at the end of the school. Please check the start times on your timetable.

Personal belongings and electronic devices

Students should leave their bags and personal belongings in their lockers before their exam. They should bring the equipment required to complete their exam with them. This should include clear pencil cases, black pens, pencil, ruler and any specialised equipment e.g. calculators, protractor and compass.

Students must not have any electronic devices on their person during an exam. This includes phones, headphones, watches and smart watches. Students should leave these devices in their lockers. It is considered malpractice for a student to have any device on their person during an exam. This could result in a student being disqualified from the exam.

EXAM PROCEDURE

The Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) require schools to apply the following steps and all students must follow them.

- It is essential that you are on time for your exam. Arrive in good time, at least ten minutes before the exam is due to start.
- Exam conditions and expectations will start as you enter the examination room. This means that talking or any form of communication with other students is not allowed. These conditions apply as you leave the exam.
- All candidates must be seated in the main exam room, unless alternative arrangements have been made with Mrs Gilbert.
- If you require anything whilst the exam is in progress, put your hand up clearly and wait until an invigilator comes to your desk. We promise to do our best to do this as quickly as possible.
- To avoid disruption to others in the exam rooms, students will not be permitted to leave the exam in the first and final ten minutes. This will include visits to the toilet.

EQUIPMENT ALLOWED IN THE EXAM

- Mobile phones, watches, smart watches, iPods, headphones or potential technological/web enabled sources of information must be handed in before the start of any exam.
- Written answers must be in **BLACK PEN**. You are not allowed to answer in pencil. Bring a couple of spare black pens with you. You may use other colours or pencils for maps or diagrams.
- You are responsible to bring your own equipment. You can purchase an exam pencil case from the Finance Office or Pencil Case Club.
- Correcting pens, fluid or tape, erasable pens, highlighters or gel pens must **not** be used in answers. You may use an eraser.
- You are only allowed to take into the exam those articles, pieces of equipment or materials which are permitted as part of the exam guidance, in the syllabus or in the instructions for the conduct of the examination.
- Pencil cases must be clear.

- You may take water into the exam but it must be in a clear bottle, with the label removed.
- You must **not** write inappropriate, obscene or offensive material in your work. This will be treated as malpractice and could result in your paper being disqualified from the examination.

USE OF CALCULATORS

- The calculator must be of a size for use on the desk.
- The power supply must be integral.
- Calculator cases and instructions must not be brought into the exam room.
- Calculators **MUST NOT** be borrowed from other candidates in the course of the exam in any circumstance.
- If your calculator is faulty, this is not accepted or justified as the giving of special consideration. The invigilator may provide you with a replacement if yours becomes faulty.
- No prepared programmes may be taken into the exam room. The retrieval of information and/or programmes during the examination is an infringement of the regulations.
- Calculators which have non numerical functions or give non-numerical information are not permitted. This includes data banks, mathematical formulas, dictionaries, language translators, text retrieval and calculators with facilities which are capable of carrying out symbolic algebra, differentiation or integration. Calculators must not be able to communicate with other machines on the Internet.
- You can buy a calculator from the maths department or Finance Office.

AT THE END OF THE EXAMINATION

- If you finish the paper before the end of the exam, read through your answers, checking for mistakes, answering questions that you could not originally answer. Remember you don't lose marks for wrong answers.
- Leave the room in silence only when you are dismissed.
- If an examination overruns at the end of the school day, the school transport will be held up if necessary.
- Remember that you must wear your school uniform at all times that you are in school for exams or revision sessions.

OTHER INFORMATION

- If you are going to be late, telephone the school (01263 733270) to explain.
- Candidates may be admitted to an examination room up to thirty minutes after the start of the examination.
- If you are ill make sure the school is notified of your impending absence by 8.45 am on the day of the examination.
- In the case of illness, a MEDICAL CERTIFICATE from your doctor must reach/be with Mrs Gilbert, the schools exams manager, within 24 hours, as the examination board have to be notified.
- **Remember: possession of unauthorised material is breaking the rules, even if you do not intend to use it, and you will be subject to penalty and possible disqualification.**

Contact details for Mrs Gilbert:
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*** GOOD LUCK ***