



Aylsham High School

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Dear Parent/Carer

March 2026

Year 11 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.

Students will be expected to continue to attend school and follow their normal timetable after the half term holiday. The first two 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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After the Easter break, 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 Monday 15th June once they have completed their physics exam. Some students will still have exams to complete in 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 after Easter.

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 support with this, all year 11 students will be issued with an exam ready pencil case. These are a clear pencil case including two black pens, pencil, rubber, highlighter, ruler, compass and a protractor. The pencil cases will be issued to year 11 students after Easter.

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.



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.

On Friday 19th 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 with you.

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 2026 exam and revision timetable - Year 11

Week	Day	Date	1	2	break	3	lunch	4	5		
1	Thurs	30-Apr								Key	
	Fri	1-May								REVISION	
2	Mon	4-May	Bank Holiday								EXAM
	Tues	5-May									
	Wed	6-May						Religious studies revision with year 11 from Y band science			
	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	English literature revision year 11				GCSE DRAMA 1hr 45mins (2hr 12mins)					
1	Mon	11-May	GCSE ENGLISH LITERATURE 1 1hr 45mins (2hr 12mins)			Biology revision year 11 in normal timetabled lessons		GCSE BUSINESS 1 1hr 30mins (1hr 53mins)		Religious studies revision with year 11 from X band PE. This will only involve students who do RS.	
	Tues	12-May	GCSE RELIGIOUS STUDIES 1 1hr 45mins (2hr 12mins)			Geography revision in normal timetabled lessons		GCSE COMBINED BIOLOGY 1 F/H 1hr 10mins (1hr28mins)		BIOLOGY 1 F/H 1hr 45mins (2hr 12mins)	
			Geography revision in normal timetabled lessons				Geography revision in normal timetabled lessons				
	Wed	13-May	GCSE GEOGRAPHY 1 1hr 30mins (1hr 53 mins)			Computer science revision year 9, 10 and 11		GCSE COMPUTER SCIENCE 1 1hr 30mins (1hr 53mins)		Maths revision year 11	
	Thurs	14-May	GCSE MATHS 1 (NON CALC) 1hr 30mins (1hr 53mins)			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)					Chemistry revision in normal timetabled lessons for combined students groups C - E	Chemistry revision in normal timetabled lessons for combined students groups F-I		
					Chemistry revision for triple groups A and B						
Mon	18-May	GCSE COMBINED CHEMISTRY 1 F/H 1hr 10mins (1hr28mins) CHEMISTRY 1 F/H 1hr 45mins (2hr 12mins)					English literature revision year 11				
Tues	19-May	GCSE ENGLISH LITERATURE 2 2hrs 15mins (2hrs 49mins)			Computer science revision for year 9, 10 and 11		GCSE COMPUTER SCIENCE 2 1hr 30mins (1hr 53mins)				
Wed	20-May	GCSE FRENCH LISTENING F: 50mins(1hr 3mins) H: 1hr 5mins (1hr 22mins)					English language revision year 11 for students who do RS				
						GCSE RELIGIOUS STUDIES 2 1hr 45mins (2hr 12mins)					
Thurs	21-May	GCSE ENGLISH LANGUAGE 1 1hr 45mins (2hr 12mins)					English language revision year 11 for students who do not do RS				
Fri	22-May	GCSE BUSINESS 2 1 1hr 30mins (1hr 53mins)					GCSE BUSINESS 2 1 1hr 30mins (1hr 53mins)				
		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										

Summer 2026 exam and revision timetable - Year 11

Week	Day	Date	1	2	break	3	lunch	4	5
1	Mon	1-Jun	GCSE PE 2 1hr 15mins (1hr 34mins)			Physics revision year 11 in normal timetabled lesson			Physics revision year 11 in normal timetabled lesson
	Tues	2-Jun	GCSE COMBINED PHYSICS 1 F/H 1hr 10mins (1hr28mins) PHYSICS 1 F/H 1hr 45mins (2hr 12mins)			Geography revision in normal timetabled lessons CAMNAT Health and Social revision in normal timetabled lessons History revision in normal timetabled lessons French revision in normal timetabled lessons		GCSE RUSSIAN LISTENING (45mins) / READING(1hr 5mins)	
			Geography revision in normal timetabled lessons				Maths revision for year 11 students completing the higher paper	Maths revision for year 11 students completing the foundation paper	
			CAMNAT Health and Social revision in normal timetabled lessons				Geography revision in normal timetabled lessons		
			History revision in normal timetabled lessons				CAMNAT Health and Social revision in normal timetabled lessons		
				History revision in normal timetabled lessons				History revision in normal timetabled lessons	
				French revision in normal timetabled lessons				French revision in normal timetabled lessons	
	Wed	3-Jun	GCSE MATHS 2 (CALC) 1hr 30mins (1hr 53mins)					GCSE GEOGRAPHY 2 1hr 30mins (1hr 53mins) CAMNAT HEALTH & SOCIAL 1hr 15 mins (1hr 34mins)	
	Thurs	4-Jun	GCSE HISTORY 2 1hr 50mins (2hr 18mins)			French revision in normal timetabled lessons		GCSE FRENCH READING F:45mins (57mins) H:1hr (1hr 15mins)	
			French revision in normal timetabled lessons				Music revision in normal timetabled lessons French revision in normal timetabled lessons		
	Fri	5-Jun	GCSE ENGLISH LANGUAGE 2 1hr 45mins (2hr 12mins)			Biology revision in normal timetabled lessons		GCSE MUSIC 1hr 45mins (2hr 12mins) Biology revision in normal timetabled lessons Biology revision in normal timetabled lessons	
2	Mon	8-Jun	GCSE COMBINED BIOLOGY 2 F/H 1hr 10mins (1hr28mins) BIOLOGY 2 F/H 1hr 45mins (2hr 12mins)					AQA CERT FURTHER MATHS 1 1hr 45mins (2hr 12mins) GCSE FRENCH WRITING F: 1hr 15mins (1hr 34mins) H: 1hr 20mins (1hr 40mins)	
	Tues	9-Jun	Maths year 11 revision with students from history	Maths year 11 revision for all other students		Food Preparation and Nutrition revision in normal timetabled lessons Geography revision in normal timetabled lessons		GCSE HISTORY 3 1hr 30mins (1hr 53mins) Food Preparation and Nutrition revision in normal timetabled lessons	
			Food Preparation and Nutrition revision in normal timetabled lessons				Geography revision in normal timetabled lessons		
				Geography revision in normal timetabled lessons				GCSE DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY 1hr 45mins (2hr 12mins) GCSE RUSSIAN WRITING (1hr 25mins) Chemistry revision in normal timetabled lessons	
	Wed	10-Jun	GCSE MATHS 3 (CALC) 1hr 30mins (1hr 53mins)			DT revision for year 9, 10 and 11		GCSE FOOD PREP 1hr 30mins (1hr 53 mins)	
Thurs	11-Jun	GCSE GEOGRAPHY 3 1hr 30mins (1hr 53 mins)					GCSE PHYSICS REVISION IN NORMAL TIMETABLED LESSONS Physics will provide revision material for students to use in their timetabled lesson		
Fri	12-Jun	GCSE COMBINED CHEMISTRY 2 F/H 1hr 10mins (1hr28mins) CHEMISTRY 2 F/H 1hr 45mins (2hr 12mins)					Physics revision in normal timetabled lessons Physics will provide revision material for students to use in their timetabled lesson		
1	Mon	15-Jun	GCSE COMBINED PHYSICS 2 F/H 1hr 10mins (1hr28mins) PHYSICS 2 F/H 1hr 45mins (2hr 12mins)			Further maths revision year 11		AQA CERT FURTHER MATHS 2 1hr 45mins (2hr 45 mins)	
	Fri	19-Jun	Year 11 celebration day						
	Sat	27-Jun	Year 11 Prom						
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.									
All students have been given the date and time for their speaking GCSE exam. This exam is worth 25% of their GCSE. French speaking exams begin on the 28th of April and run until the 6th of May. Please ensure your child is aware of their time slot and has begun their revision.									



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 ***