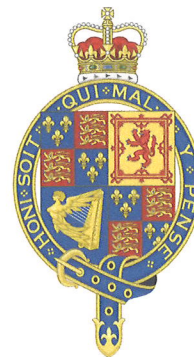


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3 March 2026

Dear parent/guardian

Re: **CCEA GCSE modular examinations (Year 11)**

I am writing to inform you that your child in **Year 11** will be sitting **modular examinations** in a number of subjects in May and June 2026. These examinations form an important part of the overall assessment process and will **contribute towards their final GCSE grade**.

Modular examinations assess specific units of work studied throughout the course and provide pupils with the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding under formal examination conditions. It is therefore essential that pupils attend all scheduled examinations fully prepared and on time.

Please find below a table outlining all **subjects, modules, dates, and examination times which have modules this coming examination season**. They have been placed in chronological order for your convenience.

Year 11 GCSE module units Summer 2026

Subject	Unit name	Date of exam	Time	Length
English Language	Unit 1 - Unit 1: Writing for Purpose and Audience and Reading to Access Non-Fiction and Media Texts (External written examination)	Thursday 7 May	09:15	01:45
English Literature	Unit 1 - The Study of Prose (External written examination)	Monday 11 May	09:15	01:45
Business Studies	Unit 1 - Starting a Business	Monday 11 May	13:30	01:30
Mathematics	M3	Thursday 14 May	09:15	02:00
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History	Unit 1 - Unit 1 Section A: Modern World Studies in Depth (Option 1: Life in Nazi Germany, 1933–45) and Section B: Local Study (Option 2: Changing Relations: Northern Ireland and its Neighbours, 1965–98)	Friday 15 May	09:15	01:45
Further Mathematics	Unit 1 - Pure Mathematics (Mandatory)	Friday 15 May	13:30	02:00
Digital Technology	Unit 1 - Digital Technology (Compulsory core unit)	Monday 18 May	13:30	01:00
Religious Studies	Unit 4: Christianity through a study of Matthew's Gospel	Wednesday 20 May	09:15	01:30

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Subject	Unit name	Date of exam	Time	Length
Agriculture	Unit 1 - Soils, Crops and Habitats	Wednesday 27 May	13:30	01:15
Technology and Design	Unit 1: Technology and Design Core Content	Thursday 28 May	13:30	01:30
Geography	Unit 3 - Fieldwork (External written examination)	Friday 5 June	13:30	01:00
Agriculture	Unit 2 - Animals on the Land	Wednesday 17 June	09:15	01:15

Your child may only be sitting some of the modules outlined above, and these can be found on their Statement of Entries which were given out in February.

Please note that **Wednesday 24th June 2026** is designated as a **contingency day** in the event of **national or significant local disruption** to examinations in the United Kingdom. This date is set aside by exam boards for the emergency **rescheduling of examinations** in the event of a 'national event' of such significance that examinations cannot be held on another of the designated exam dates. Theoretically, exams *could* be held on that day (if the national situation required it), irrespective of the advertised dates of exams. It is unlikely, though not impossible.

Important information for pupils:

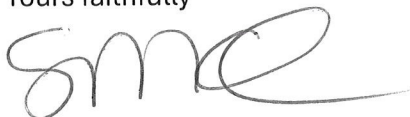
- Pupils should arrive at the examination venue **at least 15 minutes before the scheduled start time**.
- Full school uniform must be worn.
- Pupils must bring all necessary equipment (pens, pencils, calculators where appropriate). Pencil cases must be completely see-through and calculator covers must be removed.

Pupils must adhere to all **JCQ examination rules** including mobile phones, watches of any kind, and other electronic devices must not be brought into the examination room. Secure boxes will be available before pupils enter the examination to store any of these devices and they will be returned when pupils exit the examination venue. Water bottles must not have any labels.

Absence due to illness must be reported to the school as soon as possible and may require medical evidence. If you are aware of any circumstance that may alter your child's performance in the examination, then please contact Mrs C. Kingston (Assistant Examinations Officer), who will advise you if your child is eligible for Special Consideration.

We appreciate your support in encouraging your child to prepare thoroughly and to approach these examinations with confidence and commitment. Should you have any questions or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me via Concourse.

Yours faithfully



Mrs. S. McCluskey
External Examinations Officer