

Dear Parents / Carers and students

It is hard to believe we are finally here, with examinations just around the corner. I would like to congratulate all of our Year 11 students on the determination, resilience, and application they have shown in their revision and exam preparation - they are ready for the challenge of the weeks ahead.

In order to provide you with all the information needed for this busy time, please persevere to the end of this rather long, but necessary, letter.

The exam season is, of course, an intense time, with the vast majority of students having exams almost daily until well into June. With this in mind, I am writing to inform you that lessons will continue as normal until lunchtime on Friday 15th May. After this date, students will only be required to attend school for examinations. However, please note that there will still be a full timetable of taught revision lessons until the May half term, followed by targeted revision sessions after that point.

The daily provision between Monday 18th May and the final exam on Wednesday 17th June 2026 is set out in the timetable included with this letter. You will see that this includes lessons, exams, breakfast booster sessions and after-school sessions. I appreciate that some students may wish to continue revising in school, and so a staffed study room will be available every day for this purpose.

You will already have received your exam timetable, sent separately by Mrs Beaumont, so please do check it carefully and contact her immediately if you spot any issues (hbeaumont@abbey-school-faversham.co.uk).

General arrangements

Uniform

- From Tuesday 5th May, students may wear their Abbey PE kit to school in lieu of full uniform if they wish.
- If uniform is worn, blazers will become optional from this point.
- Students **MUST** wear their PE kit or full school uniform whenever they are on site to revise or attend an examination. This is not only to assist them in being focused on their learning but also to ensure they are easily identifiable to staff and students as members of our school community meaning everyone remains feeling safe.
- Blazers / coats will not be permitted in examination rooms.

Important note

- **Only Abbey PE kit is permitted and not fashion items.**
- **Very short PE shorts and skorts are not suitable wear for lessons and exams and are not permitted.**
- **If a student does not have Abbey kit, they will need to wear their school uniform.**
- **Plain navy PE leggings and shorts are permitted.**

Mr Nuttall and his team have made this clear to all students in their PE lessons and so everyone knows what is expected should they choose to wear PE kit.

Lunch slots

- From Monday 18th May, depending on numbers of students in school during study leave, Year 11 lunch slot will either be with Year 7 at 12.30pm (12 noon Fridays) or at 1pm after Year 7.
- If you have an afternoon exam you will get priority for a lunch table space with Year 7.
- Food will still need to be eaten in the canteen

Examinations

- When attending school for revision and examinations students **must be in school uniform or PE kit as explained above** and register either at the examination room or, if coming in for revision, at the attendance office.
- For examinations, students **must be in school and at the venue 20 minutes before the stated starting time to enable the examinations to be started and finished promptly.**
- Failure to attend an examination will result in a charge being made for the exams missed.

Results

- Results will be available at school between 10am and midday on Thursday 20th August, or on the first day of the new school year from the school office.
- Results cannot be collected by any other person than the student unless prior arrangements have been made with the examination officer Mrs H Beaumont.

Final Day Arrangements

Important note – no student will be permitted to enter an exam with writing on their shirts. If students decide to customise or sign shirts they MUST have a spare for examinations.

- On Friday 15th May, there is the History GCSE Medicine paper in the morning, if students are not sitting that exam, they must attend lessons as normal.
- After the examination, students will return to lesson 2 and attend lesson 3 with the rest of the year group until lunchtime.
- Year 11 will switch lunch slots with Year 7. At the start of lunch, they will be able to spend time on the playground signing their shirts and saying goodbye to staff and peers who will come out to see them.
- When the whistle goes at approx. 12.30pm Year 11 will line up and be registered outside of the canteen.
- Any student who has not been in school in the morning for their lessons, who has behaved in a way that is unacceptable or who has been previously notified they are not in the final assembly will collect their lunch from the canteen and leave site directly having done so.
- Remaining students will be invited into the canteen for their final lunch, a celebration where they can purchase anything they wish to as usual but also with some treats provided for them as well. Once they have finished their lunch, they will have their prize giving and leavers assembly.
- Once the assembly has been concluded, the students will be dismissed from the canteen, this is likely to be slightly earlier around 1.45pm.
- Students will not be permitted back on to site as other year groups will be having their end of day line up as normal. Staff will come to wish Year 11 well on the playground or in the canteen.

Please direct any queries to Mr Jarman-Howe on ajarman-howe@abbeyschoolfaversham.co.uk

Finally, a huge thank you for the support you have given your child during their time at the Abbey School. I am sure you are immensely proud of the kind and confident young people they have become, and I wish everyone the very best of luck with their examinations and for the future.

Yours sincerely
Mrs J Lucas

Lesson, Revision and Examination Plan

TERM 5 - FIRST WEEK OF STUDY LEAVE

A study room will be available every day – the location of this staffed room will be displayed each morning in Reception and Attendance.

Day	Breakfast Session	9am exam	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3a	1pm exam	Period 3b	Period 4	Period 5	After School
Mon A 18.05.26	Chemistry	Chemistry	EXAM	RE English Maths	Science Maths	Sport Science	LUNCH	Geography Spanish History French	Business History Dance	Year 10 English
Tues A 19.05.26	Year 10 Literature	YR 10 LIT	Business Geography	Maths Science	Maths Science		LUNCH	RE English	Business History French Spanish	French RE
Wed A 20.05.26	French	French	EXAM	English Tutoring	English RE Science	RE	LUNCH	Business & IT Geography	Business History Dance	Business English Language
Thurs A 21.05.26	English Language	English Language	EXAM	Study Room	Maths Science	Business	LUNCH	English Science	Science Tutoring	N/A
Fri A 22.05.26			Maths Study Room	English Science	English Tutoring		LUNCH	Science Tutoring		

HALF TERM REVISION SCHEDULE - TBC (26TH– 29TH May)

