



Dear Year 11 student,

Arrangements for Year 11 examinations and revision support

We have been delighted with the dedicated and conscientious attitude of our Year 11 students in the lead up to this summer's exams. Your conduct has been excellent and you have impressed with your organisation and effort. As your studies for the summer exams enter the final phase, we are confident that you are well prepared and ready for them.

As we approach the formal exam season, we ask that you carefully read the information in this letter as it adds further detail to the information we have previously provided. We have used assemblies and tutor periods at school to discuss a wide range of issues relating to exams including wellbeing, revision and exam hall conduct.

The final exams (for food & nutrition students) will take place on 19th June 2024, but please note that there is an exam contingency day on 26th June. The contingency day may be used by exam boards in the unlikely event of schools being closed during the exam season for unforeseen reasons such as a day of national emergency or mourning.

Public examinations – national JCQ (Joint Council for Qualifications) regulations

We have informed you of the national regulations for exams, and will display visual reminders around exam halls. Detailed information can be found here: <https://www.jcq.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/IFC-Written-Examinations-2324-Revision-One-FINAL.pdf>

Any infringement of these regulations could result in disqualification from the paper or, in more serious cases, from a number of different subjects. Jurisdiction over conduct in exams lies with the examination board and JCQ, not with Wellsway School. We feel it is particularly important to draw your attention to the examples of malpractice listed below:

- Any action which involves an attempt to communicate with another candidate, or disturbs them.
- Carrying a prohibited electronic device or watch into the exam (such as a mobile phone, even if switched off and not used, a watch or a smartwatch) or attempting to access one during a rest or toilet break. A calculator must not be carried in a non-calculator paper, even if you do not intend to use it.
- Any attempt to cheat in the exam, including the use of notes written on skin, clothing or concealed materials such as paper.

To minimise the risk of allegations of malpractice, we may carry out spot checks to ensure that written notes or electronic devices are not concealed by students entering exam halls, or by those leaving the hall for rest or toilet breaks. We ask for your support in ensuring that these checks can happen swiftly and with full cooperation.

Please note that you should wear correct uniform to all exams. You are permitted to wear your Year 11 leavers' hoodie in place of a blazer and tie.

Revision lessons and support during the exam period

As we have previously explained, revision is most effective when subject matter is interleaved (i.e. regularly revisited in manageable amounts). The highest impact revision methods involve processing information and attempting questions or tasks which are similar to those used in the actual exams. Teachers will focus on these strategies in the lessons they deliver over the coming weeks. We ask that you ensure complete attendance of these lessons to ensure that you benefit from the expert advice and assistance that will be given.

We have identified a number of lessons when you will be free to leave the school site and study at home if you wish. You are welcome to stay on school site if you prefer; you will be supervised in a classroom by staff if you do so. For reasons of safeguarding, we ask that any student who leaves site signs out at Student Support first. The dates are as detailed in the next section of this letter.

Please note that you will not be permitted to sign out at any time other than those listed below.

You may leave site at these times if you are in one of the subjects indicated, provided you do not have an exam:

Monday 3rd June period 5 – you may sign out at lunch if you have Core PE period 5

Tuesday 4th June period 5 – you may sign out at lunch

Wednesday 5th June period 5 – you may sign out at lunch unless you have business enterprise, business studies, dance or geography

Thursday 6th June period 5 – you will have your English exam in periods 1 and 2. There will be a maths revision lesson period 3. You may leave site after period 3. Dance and geography lessons will run period 5 – students are expected to return for these lessons.

Friday 7th June – attend period 1 if you have food, geography, product design or textiles. All other students to attend period 2 where you will complete a biology paper 2 revision exercise in preparation for your exam in the afternoon. You are expected in lessons period 3 and 4 as usual where you will have the opportunity to continue your revision for the exam in the afternoon.

Monday 10th June period 3 – please attend this period. You will be given the opportunity complete a chemistry paper 2 revision exercise during period 3 in preparation for your exam in the morning. You may sign out period 4 unless you have the Spanish exam in the afternoon. Science lessons will run period 5, and you will be welcome to attend.

Tuesday 11th June – you may sign out after the Science exam. If you have the following lessons, you are expected to attend:

Period 3 – Food, geography or music

Period 4 – Food, geography or product design

Period 5 – Food, geography, product design or textiles

Wednesday 12th June – You are expected in period 1 if you have science. You must all attend period 2 science. You may sign out at break.

Period 5 – your Geography lesson will run if you would like to attend.

Thursday 13th June Period 1 – please attend lessons if you have Food, geography or product design.

Period 2 – please attend this period. You will complete a Physics paper 2 revision exercise during science in preparation for your exam the next day.

You may sign out at break, but you will be welcome in science lessons **Period 5**.

Friday 14th June period 4 – Opportunity for final physics revision with your science teachers This will be final preparation for the Physics exam in the afternoon.

In the week commencing Monday 17th June, only the following lessons will take place:

Monday 17th June period 2 - please attend if you have food or product design.

Period 4 – please attend if you have food or music.

Tuesday 18th June period 1 – please attend if you have food.

Exam Timetable

Please only refer to the timings that have been provided on your individual exam timetable and the whole school exam timetable. Do not rely on any timetables you find on other revision websites.

Morning exams will start at 9.00am. Therefore, students sitting a morning exam should **go directly to the Sports Hall at the start of the school day at 8.40am.**

Afternoon exams will start at 1.30pm. Therefore, students sitting an afternoon exam should go to the Sports Hall at 1.15pm. We will ensure you are released early from P4 to get your lunch ahead of an afternoon exam. Please also be aware that **longer exams may finish after 3.05pm** and will impact you if you catch a bus home. If this affects you, please make alternative transport arrangements for those days.

Key Dates

1. Thursday 9th May

GCSE examinations begin. This is a Religious Studies exam in the morning. Please see arrangements above for details on what time to arrive at the sports Hall.

2. Monday 3rd June

Beginning of Term 6. Please read the arrangements for revision and lessons that are detailed earlier in this letter.

3. Wednesday 19th June

Final GCSE examination.

Year 11 Prom at Bath Racecourse. All students receiving their Passport to Prom are invited to join us from 7pm at Bath Racecourse. This is a fantastic opportunity for all students in Year 11 to celebrate the successes of your last 5 years at Wellsway School and we look forward to it being a fitting culmination of the hard work and efforts shown in school during your time at Wellsway.

4. Friday 21st June

Leavers assembly for Year 11 students.

5. Wednesday 26th June

Exam contingency day. This may be used by exam boards in the unlikely event of schools being closed during the exam season for unforeseen reasons such as a day of national emergency or

mourning. There are other contingency times that fall within the exam period. These are Thursday 6th June (PM only) and all day on Thursday 13th June.

6. Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th June

Sixth Form induction days – please attend if you have received an offer from Wellsway 6th.

7. Thursday 22nd August

GCSE Exam results day. You are invited into school to collect your results from Mendip Hall from 10am. More details on this will follow.

Health and wellbeing

If you feel unwell, anxious or upset during the exam period, please inform a member of staff immediately. We take your care and wellbeing very seriously during the exam season. We fully understand the demands and challenges placed upon you. To ease time pressure, we will start lunch early on days when you have afternoon exams, ensuring that you can take a break in the middle of the day. If you require support during the period of the exams, please inform your tutor, Head of House or Learning Mentor immediately. Email contact can be made using the address:

enquiries@wellswayschool.com

Key Dates

Date	Event
Thursday 9 th May	Written exams begin Y11 will have early lunch
Monday 27 th May – Friday 31 st May	May half-term – Please use the time effectively for some concentrated revision.
Monday 3 rd June	Term 6 begins
Thursday 6 th June (PM only), Thursday 13 th June, Wednesday 26 th June	Exam contingency days. You must remain available on these days should exam boards need to implement their contingency plans.
Wednesday 19 th June	Written exam end
Wednesday 19 th June	Year 11 Prom at Bath racecourse. 7pm start. Ends at 10pm.
Friday 21 st June	Year 11 Leavers Assembly
Tuesday 25 th and Wednesday 26 th June	6 th form induction days Arrival at 8.30am in Mendip Hall
Thursday 22 nd August	GCSE Exam results day Students can be on site from 10am to collect results from Mendip Hall. More information will follow.

Good luck and best wishes,

Mr S Hill

Deputy Headteacher