

May 2026

Dear families

Thank you for all the support you continue to give your child as they start their exams. The first written exam is BTEC IT on Friday 1 May, Drama and Sports Studies are on Friday 8 May and the first full cohort exam is English Literature on Monday 11 May. Students have received a new copy of their exam timetable which includes the room their exam will be in and the seat number. Exams may run beyond the normal end time of the academy day, particularly if a student has extra time. Please see the exam timetable for the length of exams and where this might happen.

The Exams section of the academy website along with the documents called *Information for Candidates* and *Preparing to Sit Your Exams*, contains essential information. It is crucial that students and parents read these. It is important students are clear about the regulations for public examinations to ensure the exam experience is fair for all candidates.

We know that students learn much more from testing themselves than just re-reading information. Please test your child on what they are revising and make sure that they have a quiet space, free from distractions, to revise. It is never too late for your child to be successful, and they need to continue to revise right up until their last exam. As a minimum they should be revising for at least two hours per evening.

### **Exam equipment**

Students are provided with the correct exam equipment within the exam; however, they do need their own calculators for Maths, Science, Geography and DT. Students need to have their lanyards and ID cards so they can be identified by invigilators. All other equipment, mobile phones, earbuds, notes should be stored in their lockers, by students. ***If students have any unauthorised items on them in an exam they will be disqualified.***

### **Exam Booster sessions**

There will be an exam booster session before each exam. The purpose of these is for final reminders of exam technique and to support students before going into exams. These will start at 8:15am for morning exams, for afternoon exams see the exam programme at the end of this letter.

### **Study Leave**

Your child is expected to attend the academy every day up to and including Thursday 4 June. From Thursday 4 June, your child will start "study leave" and they only need to come to the academy on the days they have exams, for boosters and revision session, see attached programme of exam boosters and revision sessions (all compulsory and essential to attend). Teachers will still be available to students at the times they would have had them on their timetable. They will be able to revise in the school library during other times, but they must have a signed note from you to do so. It is also important that they sign in and out at reception.

It is important that you support your child with their revision from this date. Please ask for your child to "show you" not "tell you" about the revision they have completed each day. Also, please make sure that there is someone who can supervise or check-in with your child during the day. On the days they do not have exams they should be completing a minimum of four hours revision in the day and two hours in the evening.

### **Leavers Assembly and Prom**

The Year 11 Leavers Assembly and Prom will take place on Friday 3 July. The Leavers Assembly will start at 10:00am and will finish by 11:20am. Students must be very smartly dressed in business attire. This is a celebration of the past five years at Dixons City Academy, and it is a very special occasion.

The Prom will take place at Walton View hotel 6:30pm until 10:00pm. This is a celebration of the hard work and effort they have put into their studies over the past five years. It should be a fun evening for students and staff, and we expect the usual high standards of behaviour and conduct to be displayed at all times.

### **GCSE results day – Thursday 20 August**

Results will be available to collect from 8:30am until 10:00am on Thursday 20 August. Careers advisors and senior staff will be available to support students where necessary. If students are unable to collect their own results, they need to email myself to make other arrangements before Thursday 16 July.

If you have any queries about any of the above, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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**Exam booster and lessons continuing throughout the examination period.**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Room</b>
<b>Week beginning 4 May</b>				
Friday 8 May	8:15-9:00am	Sports Studies GCSE	Exam Booster	Library
Friday 8 May	9:45-10:40am	English Literature GCSE	Revision Session	Theatre
Friday 8 May	11:55-12:50pm	Drama GCSE	Exam booster	A25
Friday 8 May	13:20-14:45pm	English Literature GCSE	Revision Session	Theatre
<b>Week beginning 11 May</b>				
Monday 11 May	8:15-9:00am	English Literature GCSE	Exam booster	Theatre
Monday 11 May	11:25-12:50pm	Geography GCSE	Revision Session	Theatre
Monday 11 May	11:25-12:50pm	History GCSE	Revision Session	Classrooms
Monday 11 May	13:20-15:40pm	RE GCSE	Revision Session	Theatre
Tuesday 12 May	8:15-9:00am	RE GCSE	Exam booster	Theatre
Tuesday 12 May	11:25-12:50pm	Science (Biology) GCSE <i>(Calculator needed)</i>	Exam booster	Combined - Theatre Triple - Library
Wednesday 13 May	8:15-8:45am	Geography GCSE <i>(Calculator needed)</i>	Exam booster	Theatre
Wednesday 13 May	8:15-11:00am	History GCSE <i>(Students not studying Geography)</i>	Revision session	Library
Wednesday 13 May	11:00-12:50pm	Computer Science GCSE	Exam booster	Library
Wednesday 13 May	11:00-12:50pm	Maths GCSE	Revision Session	Classrooms
Wednesday 13 May	13:50-15:40pm	Maths GCSE	Revision Session	Classrooms
Thursday 14 May	8:15-8:45am	Maths GCSE <i>(Non-Calculator)</i>	Exam booster	Higher – Theatre Foundation - Library
Thursday 14 May	13:50-14:45pm	History GCSE	Revision Session	Library
Friday 15 May	8:15-9:10am	History GCSE	Exam booster	Library
Friday 15 May	11:55-12:50pm	Science (Chemistry) GCSE <i>(Calculator needed)</i>	Revision session	Theatre
Friday 15 May	13:20-14:45pm	Science (Chemistry) GCSE <i>(Calculator needed)</i>	Revision session	Theatre
<b>Week beginning 18 May</b>				
Monday 18 May	8:15-9:00am	Science (Chemistry) GCSE <i>(Calculator needed)</i>	Exam booster	Combined - Theatre Triple - Library
Monday 18 May	11:00-12:50pm	English Literature GCSE	Revision Session	Theatre
Monday 18 May	13:50-15:40pm	English Literature GCSE	Revision Session	Theatre
Tuesday 19 May	8:15-9:00am	English Literature GCSE	Exam booster	Theatre
Tuesday 19 May	11:00-12:50pm	Computer science GCSE	Exam booster	B15
Wednesday 20 May	11:55-12:50pm	RE GCSE	Exam booster	Theatre
Thursday 21 May	8:15-9:00am	English Language GCSE	Exam booster	Theatre

Thursday 21 May	From period 4	Lessons as normal		
<b>Week beginning 1 June</b>				
Monday 1 June	8:50-10:40am	English / Maths GCSE	Revision session	Classrooms
Monday 1 June	11:00-12:50pm	Geography GCSE	Revision session	Theatre
Monday 1 June	11:00-12:50pm	History GCSE	Revision session	Library
Monday 1 June	13:50-15:40pm	Science (Physics) GCSE <i>(Calculator needed)</i>	Revision session	Theatre
Tuesday 2 June	8:15-9:00am	Science (Physics) GCSE <i>(Calculator needed)</i>	Exam Booster	Combined - Theatre Triple - Library
Tuesday 2 June	11:00-12:50pm	Maths GCSE <i>(Calculator needed)</i>	Revision session	Classrooms
Tuesday 2 June	13:50-15:40pm	Maths GCSE <i>(Calculator needed)</i>	Revision session	Classrooms
Wednesday 3 June	8:15-8:45am	Maths GCSE <i>(Calculator needed)</i>	Exam booster	Higher – Theatre Foundation - Library
Wednesday 3 June	11:00-12:50pm	Health and Social care	Exam Booster	B16
Wednesday 3 June	11:00-12:50pm	Geography GCSE	Revision Session	Theatre
Thursday 4 June	8:15-9:00am	History GCSE	Exam booster	Library
Thursday 4 June	8:15-8:45am	Geography GCSE	Revision session	Theatre
Thursday 4 June	8:45-10:40am	English GCSE <i>(Geography students)</i>	Revision session	Theatre
Thursday 4 June	11:00-12:50am	English GCSE <i>(History students)</i>	Revision session	Theatre
Thursday 4 June	<i>Students can go home once they have done the English revision session</i>			
Friday 5 June	8:15-9:00am	English language GCSE	Exam booster	Theatre
Friday 5 June	11:00-12:50pm	Science (Biology) GCSE <i>(Calculator needed)</i>	Revision Session	Combined – Theatre Triple - Library
Friday 5 June	12:45pm	<i>Students not doing Music GCSE can go home after the Biology revision session.</i>		
Friday 5 June	11:55-12:50pm	Music GCSE	Exam booster	B16
<b>Week beginning 8 June</b>				
Monday 8 June	8:15-9:00am	Science (Biology) GCSE <i>(Calculator needed)</i>	Exam booster	Combined - Theatre Triple - Library
Monday 8 June	11:00-12:15pm	Spanish GCSE	Revision session	Theatre
Monday 8 June	11:00-12:15pm	Non-Spanish students - Maths	Revision Session	M2
Monday 8 June	12:15pm	<i>Students not doing Further Maths can go home after the Spanish / Maths revision session.</i>		
Monday 8 June	11:50-12:50pm	Further Maths GCSE	Exam booster	E05
Tuesday 9 June	8:15-8:45am	Spanish GCSE	Exam booster	Higher – Canteen Foundation - Library
Tuesday 9 June	11:00-11:55am	Maths GCSE <i>(Calculator needed)</i>	Revision Session	Classrooms
Tuesday 9 June	12:00pm	<i>Students not doing History GCSE can go home after the Maths revision session.</i>		
Tuesday 9 June	11:55-12:50pm	History GCSE	Revision session	Theatre



Wednesday 10 June	8:15-8:45am	Maths GCSE (Calculator needed)	Exam booster	Higher - Theatre Foundation - Library
Wednesday 10 June	11:00-11:55am	Geography GCSE	Revision session	Theatre
Wednesday 10 June	11:55-12:50pm	DT GCSE	Exam Booster	Theatre
Thursday 11 June	8:15-8:45am	Geography GCSE	Exam booster	Theatre
Thursday 11 June	11:00-12:15pm	Science (Chemistry) GCSE (Calculator needed)	Revision Session	Theatre
Thursday 11 June	12:15pm	<i>Students can go home after the Chemistry revision session.</i>		
Friday 12 June	8:15-9:00am	Science (Chemistry) GCSE (Calculator needed)	Exam booster	Combined - Theatre Triple - Library
Friday 12 June	11:00-12:15pm	Science (Physics) GCSE (Calculator needed)	Revision session	Combined - Theatre Triple - Library
Friday 12 June	12:15pm	<i>Students can go home after the Physics revision session.</i>		
<b>Week beginning 15 June</b>				
Monday 15 June	8:15-9:00am	Science (Physics) GCSE (Calculator needed)	Exam booster	Combined - Theatre Triple - Library
Monday 15 June	11:00-12:15pm	Spanish GCSE	Revision Session	Theatre
Monday 15 June	11:00am	<i>Students not studying Spanish can go home after the Physics exam.</i>		
Monday 15 June	12:15pm	<i>Students can go home after the Spanish revision session.</i>		
Monday 15 June	11:55-12:50pm	Further Maths GCSE (Calculator needed)	Exam Booster	E10
Tuesday 16 June	8:15-9:00am	Spanish (Writing) GCSE	Exam booster	Foundation - Theatre Higher - Library