



Beths Grammar School

an 11 – 18 selective school with academy status

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Monday 2nd March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers of Students in Year 12,

Year 12 Trial Examinations

As mentioned in previous correspondence, all Year 12 Students will sit formal trial examinations across all of their A-Level subjects starting the week beginning **Monday 27th April 2026**. All exams will take place under strict exam style conditions. The timetable for year 12 trial exams is on the second page of this letter.

The purpose of these exams is to give students the opportunity to attempt A-Level style exam papers and questions under timed conditions to help support them with preparation for their public exams at the end of year 13. The outcome of these trial exams will be used to determine a **UCAS predicted grade for each A-Level subject** for each student. The UCAS predicted grade is the grade the school submits to UCAS (The Universities and Colleges Admissions Service). It will be these grades (alongside the student's personal statement) that universities will use to make an offer for a university degree course. The trial exam score will carry a significant weighting on this predicted grade as it is a fair assessment of the student's ability in that subject which has been taken under exam conditions.

Whilst university entry requirements vary widely based on the institution and course competitiveness, standard offers are made from BBB to AAB, whilst top tier (Russell Group and Oxbridge) will make offers to students holding UCAS predicted grades of AAA to A*A*A.

Based on their GCSE entry score to Beths Sixth Form, the average grades we would expect (following the GCSE to A-Level trajectory) would be **AAB for all our students**.

In preparation for these important assessments, we ask for your support to ensure that students are using their independent study time wisely, along with spending time at home engaged in purposeful revision and study to help give themselves the best chance in these exams. We have also included with this letter a **topic list**. This indicates to students the topic areas of the courses they have studied so far that are likely to come up in the trial exams. This helps to focus students on their revision. You can also access additional material on the links below:

- [A-Level curriculum maps \(all subjects\)](#)
- [Suggested textbooks and revision guides for A-Level courses \(All subjects\)](#)

Results will be issued to parents/carers in the next academic report (Friday 12th June 2026). These trial exam results will give students up to date information on their attainment allowing them to make informed decisions about which university courses/apprenticeships to consider and which universities to visit.

Revision and preparation for trial exams should now be well underway. We wish all students every success with the term ahead and their trial exams.

Yours sincerely,

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YEAR 12 TRIAL EXAMINATIONS TIMETABLE APRIL 2026

Students should be on school site no later than 8.20am every morning for exams.

Session 1 Exams will begin promptly at **9 am**. Students will start walking into the hall at 8.45am

Session 2 Exams will begin promptly at **11.15am**. Students will start walking into the hall at 11.05am

Session 3 Exams will begin promptly at **1.30pm**. Students will start walking into the hall at 1.15pm.

Doors will close 5 minutes before the official start of the exam

Where students have an exam clash, the date and time for their exam will appear on their individual exam timetable.

Date	Session 1 Exams 9 am Start	Session 2 Exams 11.15 am start	Session 3 Exams 13.30 pm start
Monday 27 th April	Politics (Paper 1) (2hrs) Further Maths (Paper 1) (2hrs)		Psychology (Paper 1) (1hr 30) DT (2hrs) Electronics (2hrs 45)
Tuesday 28 th April	Business (1hr 45) Geology (2hrs)		Mathematics (Paper 1) (2hrs) PE (Paper 1) 1hr 15)
Wednesday 29 th April	Biology (1hr 30) Further Maths (Paper 2) (1hr 30)	History (Paper 1) (1hr 30)	Sociology (Paper 1) (2hrs) Computer Science (2hrs 15)
Thursday 30 th April	English Literature (Paper 1) (2hr 15) Chemistry (Paper 1) (1hr 10)		Economics (Paper 1) (1hr 30)
Friday 1 st May	Physics (1hr 30) Sociology (Paper 2) (1hr)	History (Paper 2) (1hr 30)	Psychology (Paper 2) (1hr 30)
BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY			
Tuesday 5 th May	Geography (2hrs 30)		Economics (Paper 2) (1hr 30)
Wednesday 6 th May	Politics (Paper 2) (1hr 30)	Chemistry (Paper 2) (1hr 10) English Literature (Paper 2) (1hr 15) PE (Paper 2) (1hr 15)	Mathematics (Paper 2) (2hrs) Religious Studies (2hrs)
Thursday 7 th May	French (1hr 45) Mandarin (2hrs) Spanish (1hr 45)		

EXAM PROTOCOL AND ADVICE

Please be advised of the following exam procedures which all students must follow:

- Arrive on time and fully prepared with the correct equipment – pens, pencils, ruler, eraser, and calculator (where required).
- Ensure all equipment is stored in a **clear pencil case or plastic bag**.
- students **must not** take into the examination room any unauthorised materials or equipment which might give them an unfair advantage such as notes, calculator cases/instruction leaflets, bags, mobile phones/tablets/ MP3 players/watches.
- All wrist watches must be removed.
- Students may have a clear water bottle with a 'sports top', to prevent any spillages (labels must be removed from the bottle).
- All students must be punctual for exams.
- On entering the exam hall there must be complete **silence at all times**. Student caught talking will be disqualified from the exam under new JCQ regulations.
- All exams must be written in **black ink**.
- No correction fluid or pen erasers should be used; if you make a mistake, cross it out with a single line and start again.
- Students must bring their **student lanyard and pass to every exam**. This will act as proof of identification in accordance with JCQ regulations.

To help you support your son with revision for his exams, I would encourage him to spend time over the next few weeks completing the following *proactive* revision and study tasks for each of his subjects;

- ✓ Reading through class notes
- ✓ Creating mind maps and extra revision notes on each chapter of the specification (all exam specifications can be accessed online)
- ✓ Self-assessing confidence against the specification
- ✓ Highlighting notes
- ✓ Writing exam answers under timed conditions
- ✓ Reading model answers
- ✓ Rewriting model answers or rewriting marked work to make improvements
- ✓ Using past paper questions and planning answers
- ✓ Marking your own work to a mark scheme
- ✓ Studying mark schemes or examiners reports (these can be accessed by the exam board website)

EXAM EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST
Ensure your child arrives fully equipped for their exams. Equipment needs to be in a see-through plastic transparent pencil case.
<u>ESSENTIAL ITEMS</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2X Black ink or ball point pens (no gel pens or blue ink are permitted)• 2X HB pencils• Pencil sharpener• Rubber• 30CM Clear plastic ruler• Scientific calculator• Compass• Protractor• Set square• Highlighter pen