



Beths Grammar School

an 11 – 18 selective school with academy status

Headteacher: Mr R J Blyghton

5th May 2026

To All Year 11 Parents/Carers

Dear Parents/Carers,

Exam Leave

Study leave for Year 11 students now commences and students are no longer expected to attend school for normal timetabled lessons. We have kept them in school for as close to exams as possible to benefit from as much teacher instruction as possible, however we also understand that students (and parents) are anxious of having adequate time to complete independent study and revision at home. We spoke with the year group this afternoon and informed them of this arrangement as well as final reminders over exam arrangements. Please note that we have planned a celebration event for all Year 11 students for the end of public exams. They will have the opportunity to sign shirts, take photos etc then. We will write to you nearer the time about the arrangement for this. We will also take form group photos at the end of a core subject exam so that we know every student will be in.

Your child's examination timetable should now have been emailed to you and they should be aware on which days their exams are scheduled. Along with the timetable, you should have also received an "exams handbook". Please ensure that your child reads this carefully to ensure that they follow all JCQ regulations for all of their exams. Whilst students are on study leave and are not expected to attend lessons, teachers will continue to be available to provide additional support up until public exams begin, and we would encourage your child to come into school if they feel they need extra support. Alternatively, your child may revise at home providing you are willing to undertake responsibility for them. If your child does decide to study on site, attend additional lessons, or enter the school site for any reason, **they must wear full school uniform**. Students not in full school uniform and without their lanyard **will not** be allowed on site or asked to leave.

For the vast majority of our Year 11 students who intend to continue with their studies into the Sixth Form, the beginning of study leave represents the start of their examinations and not the end of their education. We are particularly looking forward to the end of exams where we can celebrate their 5-year journey so far and look ahead to their Sixth Form induction.

Examinations

Your child must attend school for all their examinations. They should arrive at school at least 30 minutes before the exam is scheduled to start and they must wear full school uniform. **Morning examinations start at 9.00am and afternoon examinations start at 1.30pm. Please note that doors will close 5 minutes before the start of the official start time.**

Students must have their school lanyard and pass for their public exams (this acts as their official identification). If your son does not have a lanyard he must purchase a new one from reception before his first exam.

Examination arrangements for each day will be posted on the examination notice board in the Performing Arts Corridor and any anticipated alterations to the timetable will be displayed there. Information will also be displayed on the digital signage screens around the school.

Although we will attempt to contact students who do not arrive for examinations, it is the students' responsibility to ensure that they attend on time. If students are absent, they will automatically disqualify themselves from the exam

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and parents will be liable for the entry fees. If your child is ill, they must produce a medical certificate from their doctor which can be submitted to the Examination Board who will then consider their case.

Returning school property

We ask that students return their textbooks on the day of their final exam for that subject. A trolley will be placed outside the exam hall on the day of that exam, and students should hand over their book before entering the hall.

Books must not be left in subject areas or handed to subject teachers; they must be checked off by staff in the main reception.

This arrangement applies to all Year 11 students, even if they are intending to join the Sixth Form. Any equipment not returned by end of June, or returned in such condition that it cannot be reissued, will be invoiced.

Sixth Form Induction

At the end of June, there will be an Induction Day for all applicants, both internal and external. This will be on either Wednesday 24th, Thursday 25th, or Friday 26th June 2026 starting at 8.40am. Your child will be notified at a later date of their allocated day.

Examination results and enrolment into Sixth Form

GCSE results will be available from 8.15am on **Thursday 20th August 2026**. It is strongly recommended that your child attends in person as they will also be required to enrol for their Sixth Form courses on that day. If they are unable to attend, they should leave a stamped addressed envelope at the School Office and, if they have applied for a place in the Sixth Form, they should inform Mrs Blackwell that they will not be attending. In that event, they will need to log in remotely to the Applica page where their application was originally made and complete the enrolment process in order to secure their place. Results will not be given over the telephone. There will be advice available on the day regarding your child's future.

If you do not wish your son to be granted the opportunity of study leave, please notify us by email to mrmcbeth@beths.bexley.sch.uk.

If you have any questions or queries regarding these matters, then please contact Mr McBeth directly on the email address above.

May I take this opportunity to wish all our Year 11 students well for their examinations.

Yours sincerely,



Mr R J Blyghton
Headteacher



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