

6 May 2026

The exams that students sit in Year 11 are the culmination of over a decade of education, and to ensure that students have every opportunity to make their hard work count, we want to make sure that students understand what is expected of them in the exam venue. Therefore, we have been reminding them in assemblies and in lessons about expectations.

Please find below a range of information which is relevant and useful to you as caregivers.

### **Exam Statement of Entries**

Statement of Entries for your child are available to view on the [Arbor App](#). Instructions on how to find the Statement of Entry can be found [here](#). If you are not able to view this then please contact the school and we can email you a Statement.

### **Contingency Day**

The awarding bodies have collectively agreed a contingency day for several years now which is always scheduled at the end of the GCSE, GCE, AS and A-level exam timetables. The contingency day is in the event of national or significant local disruption to exams in the United Kingdom, being part of the awarding bodies' standard contingency planning for exams.

The standard contingency day for Summer 2026 is Wednesday 24 June 2026.

Please could you therefore bear this date in mind. Should any exams need to be moved to the contingency day, your child must be available to attend, or will be deemed absent and therefore will not achieve a mark/grade for that component.

### **JCQ information**

Information for candidates - can be found [here](#)

Information for candidates - Preparing to sit an exam - can be found [here](#)

Information for candidates - Written Exams - can be found [here](#)

Exam Room posters - can be found [here](#) and [here](#)

### **Exams Website**

Students have access to a school exams website which includes the important logistical information about expectations and regulations. This includes a video from The Exams Office - Information for candidates for written examinations 2025/26.

## **Education Record**

We are planning to use the important new service from the Department for Education called The Education Record.

*The Education Record gives young people secure, digital access to their own education data. Put simply, it places their information in their pocket, ready to use, share, and rely on as they move into further education, apprenticeships, or employment. Instead of requesting records from schools, waiting for paper documents, or navigating multiple systems, pupils will have a single, trusted source of their verified information that they can control. This shift empowers them and reduces friction in their transitions.*

[This video](#) describes the use and benefits of the Education Record for Year 11. Further information will follow and will be shared with the students.

## **Revision Booklet**

Please remember that students (and parents/carers) have access to an online revision booklet, with information provided by their subject teachers. A link to the revision guide can be found [here](#).

## **Masterclasses**

Masterclasses have been timetabled in addition to normal lessons. Your child will have a copy of the masterclass timetable, but it can also be viewed [here](#). These masterclasses are a chance for your child to receive some final teacher input before their relevant timetabled exam. Please make sure they take advantage of all of these. Some are during the school day and some are after the end of the school day.

## **Exams Breakfasts**

Free breakfast is offered to all students taking an exam that morning, in the canteen. Subject staff will also be available during this time for any last questions.

## **Study Leave and Leavers Assembly**

Students are expected to be in school until the start of our Study Leave period, which will start after their Leavers Assembly.

The Leavers Assembly will be 10.30am on Monday, 8 June, following the Biology Exam. This is a special event for Year 11 students as it will celebrate their time at Medina College, and the end of this chapter, before they begin their next one.

After this exam, students are expected to attend all remaining exams and are invited to attend all Masterclasses which have been scheduled.

Please contact the school if you have any concerns

Yours faithfully



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