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Summer 2024 Exam Dates

Dear Parents / Carers,

The Awarding Organisations have published their provisional exam timetables for Summer 2024, when your child will be undertaking their GCSE examinations. You should be aware that your child's external exams are timetabled on days and times set by the Awarding Organisations. These are out of our control. All pupils across the country will sit their exams at the same date and time and we cannot move these for any reason.

Whilst the provisional dates are subject to change, I wanted to give an indication of the proposed (subject to change) exam window.

The written exams will start in early May. Prior to this in April/May, we will be timetabling non-exam assessment components, such as French Speaking Tests and the Art Timed Exam.

The Awarding Organisations are clear that pupils should remain available until Friday 28 June 2024. Even though your child's individual exams may finish before this date, the Awarding Organisations timetable contingency dates, where exams can be moved to in the event of national disruption to an exam day earlier in the timetable.

As usual, we will issue personalised exam timetables prior to each exam session. It is essential that your child is in school to attend their exams. Across the remainder of Y10 and Y11, there will be other periods of assessment, including exams for vocational subjects and the completion of non-exam assessment components in class. This work will also contribute to your child's final grades, so attendance to school is imperative across the year so they can prepare for and complete these assessments. There will also be periods of mock exams where we can assess your child's attainment and progress and support them ahead of their final exams next summer.

You should not be booking holidays or medical appointments during school hours anyway, but particularly not during exam periods. If your child misses an exam, they will not have an opportunity to resit the exam at a different date or time. They will also not be entitled to special consideration if the absence was avoidable (such as a holiday or a pre-planned medical appointment). We also reserve the right, in line with our Charging and Remissions Policy, to charge you for any public examination that your child does not attend without good reason. Therefore, it is imperative that you do not book any term-time holidays or any other appointments during school hours up to and including Friday 28 June 2024 (subject to change).

If your child misses one of their exams, this will have a detrimental impact on their GCSE results, so please try to avoid any absences before the end of June 2024.

If you have any queries, you can email me at Exams@penkethhigh.org

Yours Sincerely,

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Exams and Data Manager



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