



## PENKETH HIGH SCHOOL

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**Wednesday 7 May 2025**

### Summer 2026 Exam Dates

Dear Parents / Carers,

The Awarding Organisations have published their final exam timetables for Summer 2026, when your child will be undertaking their GCSE examinations. A copy of this timetable can be found overleaf. 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.

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

**The Awarding Organisations are clear that pupils should remain available until Wednesday 24 June 2026.** 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 Year 10 and Year 11, 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 Wednesday 24 June 2026 (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 2026.

If you have any queries, you can email me at [Exams@penkethhigh.org](mailto:Exams@penkethhigh.org)

Yours Sincerely,

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## Summer 2026 Exam Timetable

Morning	Day	Afternoon
	Friday 1 May 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Travel and Tourism</li> </ul>
Bank Holiday	Monday 4 May 2026	Bank Holiday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Health and Social Care</li> </ul>	Tuesday 5 May 2026	
	Wednesday 6 May 2026	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Psychology Paper 1</li> <li>Sport</li> </ul>	Thursday 7 May 2026	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Film Studies Paper 1</li> </ul>	Friday 8 May 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Child Development</li> <li>Drama</li> <li>Economics Paper 1</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English Literature Paper 1</li> </ul>	Monday 11 May 2026	
	Tuesday 12 May 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Biology Paper 1</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Geography Paper 1</li> </ul>	Wednesday 13 May 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Computer Science Paper 1</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mathematics Paper 1</li> </ul>	Thursday 14 May 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Psychology Paper 2</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>History Paper 1</li> </ul>	Friday 15 May 2026	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chemistry Paper 1</li> </ul>	Monday 18 May 2026	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English Literature Paper 2</li> </ul>	Tuesday 19 May 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Computer Science Paper 2</li> </ul>
	Wednesday 20 May 2026	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English Language Paper 1</li> </ul>	Thursday 21 May 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Film Studies Paper 2</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Economics Paper 2</li> </ul>	Friday 22 May 2026	
	Monday 1 June 2026	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Physics Paper 1</li> </ul>	Tuesday 2 June 2026	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mathematics Paper 2</li> </ul>	Wednesday 3 June 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Geography Paper 2</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>History Paper 2</li> </ul>	Thursday 4 June 2026	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English Language Paper 2</li> </ul>	Friday 5 June 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Music</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Biology Paper 2</li> </ul>	Monday 8 June 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Further Mathematics Paper 1</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spanish Listening Paper</li> <li>Spanish Reading Paper</li> </ul>	Tuesday 9 June 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construction and the Built Environment</li> <li>History Paper 3</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mathematics Paper 3</li> </ul>	Wednesday 10 June 2026	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Geography Paper 3</li> </ul>	Thursday 11 June 2026	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chemistry Paper 2</li> </ul>	Friday 12 June 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hospitality and Catering</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Physics Paper 2</li> </ul>	Monday 15 June 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Further Mathematics Paper 2</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spanish Writing Paper</li> </ul>	Tuesday 16 June 2026	
	Wednesday 17 June 2026	
	Thursday 18 June 2026	
	Friday 19 June 2026	
<b>Wednesday 24 June 2026</b> <b>Contingency Day</b> <b>All pupils <u>MUST</u> remain available until this date.</b>		