

23rd April 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

Following on from my previous letter, I am now writing with further details regarding the Yr.11 Alternative Timetable that will run from Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May until the end of the examination season.

**Prior to the May Half-Term Break:**

Attached with this letter is the Alternative Timetable for the exam period prior to the May half-term holiday.

As you will see during this time students will attend their normal lessons for structured and supported revision unless they are in an exam or an exam warm up. The exam warm up sessions are highlighted in green on the alternative timetable with the actual exams in bold black. Students will therefore be in school for full days during this period of exams.

As I said in my previous letter this was the approach we adopted for Yr.11 exams prior to the pandemic and since exams have resumed after the pandemic with great success.

Students reported they found the structured revision in lessons and the warm ups incredibly useful for both settling nerves and as a confidence boost for the exams.

Please discuss the Alternative Timetable with your child to help them organise their time and prepare for the exams.

**After May Half-Term Break:**

Following the May half-term holiday an adapted version of the Alternative Timetable will continue. I will send a copy of the Alternative Timetable for this period later this half term.

During this time, exam warm ups will continue, however, students' normal timetabled lessons will become Subject Drop-In Support sessions for students to use as they need. This will allow students to use this time in a way that they find most productive, drawing on teacher support when needed. We recognise students approach revision in different ways, and we hope this flexibility will allow students to revise successfully while knowing support is always available.

In addition, A Block Hall, when not being used for warm ups, will be set up as a study area for Yr.11 students if they would prefer to revise in school and visit the subject drop in sessions as needed. When warm ups are taking place in A Block Hall, students will be able to use the Library to continue their revision in school if they wish.

For the alternative timetable either side of May half-term students must be in full correct uniform. Your support with this would be appreciated.

**Conclusion:**

I hope the information I have provided is useful in supporting your children through the exam season. Please do not hesitate to contact the Yr.11 Pastoral Team with any issues or concerns during the examination season. We want to support our students through this process both academically and in terms of their well-being.

I also appreciate, having been through this with both of my boys at GCSE and A Level at WBHS, that the exam season is also stressful for parents, so please use your support networks and the school to help you navigate your way through this time.



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Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S.W.', is positioned below the text 'Yours faithfully'.

Steve Wilson  
Headteacher