



JPB/CMA

20 March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers and Year 11 Students,

GCSE Exam Timetable and other important information

As we approach the summer exam series, we would like to share some important information to help you support your child and to ensure all examinations are conducted in line with national regulations set by the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ).

A copy of the GCSE Exam Timetable is included with this letter. Students are encouraged to use this information to begin planning their revision. There is nothing to stop students from creating a revision timetable and starting their preparation early.

This letter outlines key procedures, expectations, and guidance that all families should be aware of before the exam period begins.

Preparation for Summer Exams

After students receive their mock exam results and teachers have discussed and confirmed the appropriate entry tiers, students will be given an exam pack.

This will include:

- Their individual exam timetable
- West Craven's Exam Handbook
- Other important key documents

JCQ Regulations

We encourage all parents and candidates to read the *Clarifying Exam Regulations: Guidance for Parents and Candidates*, as well as the *Instructions for Candidates* video. These resources explain the rules that all schools and colleges must follow.

They cover areas such as:

- Access arrangements (e.g. extra time, reader, scribe, use of a word processor)
- What happens if a candidate is late or absent
- Requests for moving exam dates (not permitted)
- When toilet breaks are allowed
- What constitutes malpractice
- How special consideration works
- How exam results and post-results enquiries are handled

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Links to these resources are available on our website
<https://www.westcraven.co.uk/page/?title=Exam+Information&pid=82>

Please note: Parents are not permitted to contact awarding bodies or JCQ directly. All queries must come through the school.

School Policies and Procedures

To ensure clarity and fairness for all students, the school publishes policies relevant to examinations. These can be found on our website. All policies are written in line with JCQ regulations and guidance.

Contingency Day – Wednesday 24 June

A reminder that the Contingency Day is Wednesday 24 June. All candidates must remain available on this date, even if their last scheduled examination is earlier. Once candidates have completed their final examination, they do not need to make themselves available on the contingency day.

We Are Here to Help

We know the exam season can be a challenging time for students and families. Further detailed information for candidates will be provided in the Exam Handbook.

If you have any exam-related questions, please contact Mrs Markham, Exams Officer via exams@westcraven.co.uk

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Mr J Bates
Principal

Summer 2026 GCSE Examinations Timetable

	MORNING EXAM All morning exams start at 9am		AFTERNOON EXAM All afternoon exams start at 1.30pm
Mon 20 and Tues 21 April	AQA Art and Design (Photography) 10 hrs in total		
Weds 22 and Thurs 23 April	AQA Art and Design (Photography) 10 hrs in total		
Thurs 23 and Fri 24 April	AQA Art and Design (3D Design) 10 hrs in total		
Fri 24 and Mon 27 April	AQA Art and Design (Fine Art) 10 hrs in total		
Mon 27 and Tues 28 April	AQA Art and Design (3D Design) 10 hrs in total		
Mon 27 April to Fri 1 May	EdExcel Spanish Speaking Exam F/H		
Tues 28 and Weds 29 April	AQA Art and Design (Fine Art) 10 hrs in total		
Tues 5 May	AQA Urdu Speaking Exam F/H		
Weds 6 May			
Thurs 7 May			AQA Polish Speaking Exam F/H
Mon 11 May	AQA English Literature Paper 1 1hr 45m		AQA Business Paper 1 1hr 45m
Tues 12 May			AQA Combined Science: Trilogy - Biology Paper 1 F/H 1hr 15m
			AQA Biology Paper 1 F/H 1hr 45m
Weds 13 May	AQA Geography Paper 1 1hr 30m		
Thurs 14 May	EdExcel Mathematics Paper 1 (Non- Calculator) F/H 1hr 30m		
Fri 15 May	AQA History Paper 1 2hrs		
Mon 18 May	AQA Combined Science: Trilogy - Chemistry Paper 1 F/H 1hr 15m		AQA Urdu Listening F 35m AQA Urdu Reading F 45m
	AQA Chemistry Paper 1 F/H 1hr 45m		
Tues 19 May	AQA English Literature Paper 2 2hr 15m		
Weds 20 May			
Thurs 21 May	AQA English Language Paper 1 1hr 45m		AQA Business Paper 2 1hr 45m
Fri 22 May			NCFE Health & Fitness 1hr 30m

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Mon 1 Jun		
Tues 2 Jun	AQA Combined Science: Trilogy - Physics Paper 1 F/H 1hr 15m	AQA Polish Listening F 35m AQA Polish Listening H 45m AQA Polish Reading F 45m AQA Polish Reading H 1hr AQA Urdu Writing F 1hr EdExcel Russian Listening F 35m EdExcel Russian Reading F 50m
	AQA Physics 1 F/H 1hr 45m	
Weds 3 Jun	EdExcel Mathematics Paper 2 (Calculator) F/H 1hr 30m	AQA Geography Paper 2 1hr 30m
Thurs 4 Jun	AQA History Paper 2 2hrs	
Fri 5 Jun	AQA English Language Paper 2 1h 45m	
Mon 8 Jun	AQA Combined Science: Trilogy - Biology Paper 2 F/H 1hr 15m	
	AQA Biology 2 F/H 1hr 45m	
Tues 9 Jun	EdExcel Spanish Listening F 45m EdExcel Spanish Listening H 1hr	
Weds 10 Jun	EdExcel Mathematics Paper 3 (Calculator) F/H 1hr 30m	EdExcel Russian Writing 1hr 20m
Thurs 11 Jun	AQA Geography Paper 3 1hr 30m	
Fri 12 Jun	AQA Combined Science: Trilogy - Chemistry Paper 2 F/H 1hr 15m	WJEC Hospitality & Catering 1hr 20m AQA Polish Writing F 1hr AQA Polish Writing H 1hr 15m
	AQA Chemistry 2 F/H 1hr 45m	
Mon 15 Jun	AQA Combined Science: Trilogy - Physics Paper 2 F/H 1hr 15m	
	AQA Physics 2 F/H 1hr 45m	
Tues 16 Jun	EdExcel Spanish Reading F 45m EdExcel Spanish Reading H 1hr	
Weds 17 Jun	EdExcel Spanish Writing F 1hr 15m EdExcel Spanish Writing H 1hr 20m	
Weds 24 Jun	Contingency Day	Contingency Day