

22 April 2026

Dear Y11 Students, Parents and Carers,

**RE: Year 11 Booster Timetable & GCSE**

We're extremely proud of the year 11 students at PCS and how they're preparing for the exam season that is only round the corner. I personally think, they've done amazing this far and really hope that they can achieve the grades they're capable of this summer.

I have included the year 11 booster timetable. We run these sessions in the build up to exams. They're last-minute revision sessions with subject teachers, mostly the day before the exam (although this isn't always possible). Students will not go to their normal scheduled lesson and will instead attend the organised booster session. The first couple of sessions are organised from Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May and run continuously through the course of the examination season. In the past, these have proved to be invaluable, especially if there is anything that comes to light at the last minute from exam boards; it can then be communicated to the students by the teachers of each subject.

This period is very full on for the students, the exams come thick and fast. As such and the same as recent years, we have decided that it would be better for the students to remain in school through-out the exam season. If a student has finished the course for a certain subject, they will still need to attend their normal timetabled lessons to revise and prepare for other examinations. Looking at the timetable, this happens on very few occasions as the students will either be in an exam or a booster session.

The last day that we expect all students to attend school is **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June**. Following this, students will only be required to attend school for booster sessions and/or examinations. Another date for the diaries is **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June**. We will be holding our year 11 celebration day following the last examination for the full cohort of year 11. This will take place after the Physics examination has taken place during the morning and will officially mark the end of all students' journey through Patchway Community School. When we finalise the details of the event, we will share them with students and parents.

I will be sharing the summer exams rules and regulations with the students during the assembly next week. It is important that the students fully understand these and rules and regulations. Failure to follow these rules and if they get reported by an invigilator, could lead to disqualification from all the GCSE examinations. You can find a copy of these on the school website later on in the following location: <http://www.patchwaycs.org.uk/Learning/Exam-Information/>

Also, can I reiterate that the exam dates are fixed and do not move, and students cannot sit them on a different day. If a student is not feeling well, it is important that they still attend their exams as failure to show for the examination will likely result in a zero mark. If a student is not feeling 100% it is important to tell the invigilator as they will record it and we can then apply for special consideration, but this is only accepted in exceptional circumstances. If you need further clarification, please contact me.

This is a reminder about the results day:

**GCSE results day – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August**

We will send out details of the results day and how it works after the examinations have finished but I would encourage as many of you as possible to make sure that you're available to come into school and collect the GCSE results on the above date.

If you have any queries do not hesitate to contact me ([ross.lewis@olympustrust.co.uk](mailto:ross.lewis@olympustrust.co.uk)).

I wish all the students every success and luck in the forthcoming examinations.

Yours Sincerely,

**Mr R Lewis**

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