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Dear Parents, Carers and Students of Year 11,

## **Year 11 GCSE Exam Timetable 2026 and DfE Education Record Service**

It is the time of year when we confirm the arrangements about how learning will continue during this final and critical period at Henry Cort. After more than 4 and a half years of hard work our GCSE Exam timetable starts, in earnest, from 7th May. Start times of these exams are 9am and 1pm which means that all students must, including those on an amended timetable, must be on site 45 minutes prior to the exam starting. Students will be informed of how lunch will work on the days that they have an afternoon examination starting at 1pm.

Following half term, all students are invited to continue attending lessons. Please note that attendance at lessons during this period is not compulsory. However, students must attend college for all scheduled examinations. For examinations, students are required to sign in at least 45 minutes before the exam start time:

- Morning exams (9:00am start): arrive by 8:15am
- Afternoon exams (1pm start): arrive by 12:15pm

If a student has only a morning exam, they will be permitted to sign out of college once their exam has finished at main reception. However, students who have two examinations in one day must remain on site between exams. Staffed lessons will continue to run as normal for students who choose to attend, and revision and supervised study spaces will also be available for those remaining on site due to transport arrangements or multiple exams.

We are pleased to announce that we will be supporting the new DfE 'Education Record service' this year. This digital service allows Year 11 students to access their official GCSE results directly on their mobile phones and share them securely with sixth forms, colleges, or training providers during enrolment.

By using this service, students can avoid the need for paper certificates on enrolment day, as their verified results will be available instantly within the app. Results will also be available in Edulink and we will also still be here to offer the paper results and the congratulations to students that they will deserve.

### How to Prepare:

To take advantage of this, students must set up their accounts in advance on their own smart phone. If wishing to participate, please follow these steps before next week:

- Download the App: Search for "DfE Education Record" on the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.

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- Verify Identity: Students will need to create an account within the app. This usually requires a form of personal ID (such as a passport or provisional licence).

### Verification Sessions:

To unlock the record, a member of school staff must verify each student's identity in person. From Monday next week, 27 April, we will be available after school each day by student reception for students to complete their verification. Students should attend one of these sessions and must bring their mobile device with the app already downloaded and set up. Once verified, we will provide a secure QR code to link their educational record to their device.

The DfE believe that using this digital record is the most efficient way to manage results day and college applications and we are supporting them in this first year of use. We encourage all Year 11 students to sign up to this if they are able to.

Lastly, we would like to let you know in advance that on Friday 22nd May, Year 11 will be attending a final celebration assembly together during the school day.

We wish all our students the best of luck in their forthcoming examinations and look forward to celebrating their successes with them on results day.

Yours sincerely



Mr R Walker  
Assistant Principal