

Dear Family

Timetable Variations during External Examinations

Tuesday 5 May until Monday 15 June

As we are now entering into the final chapter of the journey at Thorns for Year 11 students with the external examinations season having started on Tuesday 5 May, I wanted to take the opportunity to share with you some timetable variations that will occur over the coming weeks.

Students are expected to continue to attend the academy as normal during the examination period. They will attend their normal timetabled lessons when not in examinations. **As some subjects finish earlier than others, students are expected to carry appropriate revision materials with them at all times.**

If students are in an afternoon examination, they will be dismissed off site at the end of the examination, they will not be expected to return to lessons.

It is important that you do not make any appointments that will require students to be out of the academy during this examination period. If there is an appointment that cannot be rearranged or postponed until after the examination series you will need to provide the official confirmation received e.g. letter, text message, etc. to the Attendance Team using the e-mail address attendance@tca.shirelandcat.net.

Students will not be allowed to leave site during the examination period unless these supporting documents have been received, a phone call from a family member will not be sufficient during this period.

We do acknowledge that by the end of the first week back after Whitsun, for most students, they will have completed the majority of their examinations. In light of this, we are proposing some timetable variations to support students to have the opportunity to study independently at home as well as in the academy.

Friday 5 June

All students will sit their English Language Paper 2 examination in the morning.

All students will remain on site after the examination to participate in a Music or Biology booster session from 1155 until 1255.

At 1255 students who have a Music examination in the afternoon will go to lunch and all other students will be allowed to leave site.

Monday 8 June

All students will sit their Combined Science, Biology, Paper 2 examination in the morning.

Students who have a French Writing examination in the afternoon will remain on site to attend a booster session from 1155 until 1255 followed by lunch and their examination.

All remaining students will be allowed to leave site after the examination for independent revision.

Tuesday 9 June

No students are required to be onsite in the morning.

Students who have a History examination in the afternoon can either arrive at 1155 to attend the booster session before having their lunch on site, or they can arrive at 1325 in time for the examination.

Wednesday 10 June

All students will sit their Maths, Paper 3 examination in the morning.

Students who have a DT, Product Design examination in the afternoon will remain on site to attend a booster session from 1155 until 1255 followed by lunch and their examination.

All remaining students will be allowed to leave site after the examination for independent revision.

Geography students are also welcome to stay on site to attend the booster session from 1155 to 1255 for their examination the next morning. Geography students can then leave site at 1255.

Thursday 11 June

Geography students will sit their Paper 3 examination in the morning and then are able to leave site once the examination is completed.

All students are able to return to the academy later that afternoon to participate in the Chemistry booster session from 1425 until 1525.

Friday 12 June

All students will sit their Combined Science, Chemistry, Paper 2 examination in the morning and then are able to leave site once the examination is finished.

All students are able to return to the academy later that afternoon to participate in the Physics booster session from 1425 until 1525.

Monday 15 June

All students will sit their Combined Science, Physics, Paper 2 examination in the morning and then are able to leave site once the examination is finished.

Students do not have to take the opportunity of independent study and are welcome to be on site, in lessons, up to and including Monday 15 June.

If students are entitled to free school meals and wish to be provided with a grab bag on the days they are undertaking independent study off site then please complete the form below.

[Year 11 Free School Meal Order \(Summer 2026\) – Fill in form](#)

Grab bags will be available to collect from Lunch and Bruch prior to students leaving site.

If you have any questions regarding this arrangement then contact me using the Thorns e-mail address info@tca.shirelandcat.net, marking it for the attention of Mrs Sadler.

Yours sincerely

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