



Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Year 11 GCSE Exam Season 2026

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. The information below explains what we have in place at Clifton to support our Year 11 students during the exam period.

The **independent revision** students complete **at home** will be key to achieving the best grades possible. Please encourage your child to bring their workbooks and past papers home and utilise websites such as Mathswatch and Seneca in their own time to complete revision in the final few weeks. We also provided all students with Revision Packs earlier this year.

Intervention sessions will continue up until Friday 8th May. These sessions take place before school, during Form Tutor Time and after school. It is vital that you encourage your child to arrive at school on time every day so they do not miss these short bursts of input, where teachers give exam tips on crucial topics.

From the week commencing 4th May, students will receive a **Booster Timetable**. This is a revised version of their timetable where lessons have been adjusted to ensure students receive two periods with their subject teacher the day before and the day of each exam. Timetables will be sent to students' school email addresses on a weekly basis and they will also be given a printed copy. Please ask your child to keep this safe.

When students have an exam with a 9.00am start, they must be in school for 8.00am for morning boosters (breakfast will be provided). Afternoon boosters will take place from 12.30pm to 1.10pm before a 1.30pm exam. We will contact home for any students who are not on site before exams.

Students are expected to be in school all day, every day up until May Half Term. After May Half Term, students may have study leave if they have completed certain GCSE courses. This will be clear on their weekly timetable. It is also imperative that students wear the correct uniform at all times.

Below are the top tips we have given students regarding how they can best prepare for each assessment throughout the exam period. Please support them with this at home:

- Get up early and have a good breakfast.
- Get an early night.
- Plan revision in between exams by creating a schedule.
- Ensure there is a quiet space to work at home, free from distractions such as phones and social media.
- Once an exam has finished, move on and focus on the next one.
- If support is needed, ask for help – teachers are here to help.





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The combination of attending intervention sessions in school, completing independent revision at home and putting maximum effort into every lesson, booster and exam will ensure students have the best chance of fulfilling their potential in their GCSEs.

In previous years, students who have fully engaged with our revision programme and worked hard throughout the exam period have achieved higher grades.

Should you have any queries regarding the information in this letter, please contact Miss E Weatherill, Assistant Headteacher, at (eweatherill@cliftonschool.org).

Yours sincerely,

Mrs M Smith (Headteacher) and Miss E Weatherill (Assistant Headteacher)

