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Poynton High School and Performing Arts College

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that all our Year 11 students manage to get a decent break at some point in this holiday as well as using the time for valuable revision.

Friday 23 May was the last day of Year 11 being in school for all their lessons after five years with us. After half term students will only be in school for their exams and subjects will run intervention sessions, a mixture of in school and online, around the exam timetable which students have been made aware of.

Exams have now been running for two weeks and students have handled them really well so far. I hope that every time another exam is ticked off they feel a sense of satisfaction at a job well done! All we can ask is that students do their best both in terms of revision and in the exams themselves. Hard work now means that when the exams are over they can enjoy the long summer break in the knowledge that they have earned it!

Revision Advice

Students should by now be very familiar with the best ways to revise and I have been impressed to see some of the strategies that they have been using. It is possible though for students to fall into bad habits during the exam season and fall back on reading revision guides rather than doing active revision. This gives the illusion of revising but is unlikely to be of much help. At this stage students should be regularly using their memory, for example through planning past paper questions, creating mindmaps or other notes from memory or testing themselves in other ways. If you need any further advice on supporting revision please see our guide for students at [download.asp \(pchs.cheshire.sch.uk\)](https://pchs.cheshire.sch.uk/download.asp). Past papers can be found on all the exam board websites and will be really useful to use. There are some useful online revision sites such as Seneca and BBC Bitesize but active revision with past papers and students' own notes will be more useful.

Please be aware that there have been national reports of 'exam influencers' on TikTok and YouTube making claims that they can predict questions. There is no way that questions can be predicted and so these are providing false and damaging information. Students should revise all the material on the exam specification and not be tempted to rely on such influencers.

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Ofqual guidance for students

Ofqual have published some useful guidance for students on the 2025 summer exam series – available here <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ofqual-student-guide-to-exams-and-assessments-in-2025>. Ofqual is the exams regulator, which checks the systems and processes of individual exam boards.

Contingency date

Please note that 11 June (afternoon only) and 25 June (all day) are national exam contingency days, in case any exam has to be rescheduled. These should already be on students' exam calendars. It is essential that students are available on these days and do not book holidays over this period, even if their last scheduled exam is over.

These dates hopefully won't be needed, but if they are, and students cannot attend due to holiday, they will not receive any marks for that paper.

Leavers' Assembly and Prom

As you will already be aware these will be held on 27 June. We look forward to celebrating with students at these events.

Exam Results

Exam results are available to students in school on Thursday 21 August at 9am. More information about results day will be available before that date.

Student support

If you need any further support during the rest of the exam series, or want to make us aware of any issues your child is facing, please contact Miss Dovey or Miss Booth at school.

I wish all our students the very best of luck with the rest of their exams.

With best wishes,



Matthew Dean
Headteacher