



NEWSTEAD WOOD SCHOOL

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Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

Arrangements for Exam Leave for Year 13

We are now entering the final few weeks before public examinations commence. As we continue to work together to support all our students to achieve the best outcomes possible in their upcoming examinations, I am writing about some key events that will round off our drive to success at the end of this academic year.

As you will be aware, A level examinations begin on **Monday 11 May and end on Friday 18 June**. Exam timetables have been released by the exam boards and individual student examination timetables have already been issued by our Exams team. Each awarding body's timetables are available via the links below and you can view your child's individual timetable via the Arbor App in due course.

- [Edexcel Exam Timetable](#)
- [AQA Exam Timetable](#)
- [Eduqas Exam Timetable](#)
- [WJEC Exam Timetable](#)

You may also wish to look at [Ofqual student guide to exams and assessments in 2026 - GOV.UK](#) on this year's approach to exams.

We appreciate the hard work and dedication that our students have shown throughout the year. Their commitment to their studies has been commendable, and we are incredibly proud of their achievements thus far. **Students are required to attend lessons up until the last day of full time education**. For Year 13 this will be **Friday 8 May**. Until this date, our teachers will be teaching and revising key exam content. It is important for students to know that being in the classroom with our experts is invaluable. There is no reason that working at home would be better than receiving direct support and guidance from their expert teachers.

On **Friday 8 May**, students will spend the morning in the Sixth Form Centre in their form groups. They will then have an assembly led by Mr Williams where they will look back over their time at Newstead. Students are expected to attend in full uniform, however, they will be able to sign shirts and celebrate with friends and staff during the morning before they are dismissed. Any student not adhering to uniform or behaviour expectations will not be allowed to attend the assembly.

Following their last day, students are required to attend school only for examinations, however, there will be **Examination Preparation Sessions** planned in school to support students' fine-tuning of technique and skills. Students are also welcome to come in and use the Library for preparation and revision between 7.30am and

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5pm on all school days until the end of the exams. If students are coming into school, they are expected to attend in full uniform and sign in and out via Main Reception. For examinations, students are expected to wear full uniform including blazers and shoes; hoodies may not be worn into exams.

The Joint Qualifications Council have issued their guidance for candidates, and this has been shared with students. Copies of the documents can be found [here](#).

Wednesday 24 June is the last day that a public examination may be sat and is referred to as a 'contingency day'. This means that in the unlikely event that an examination needs to be rescheduled during the series, it will be sat on this day. **Students should not book holidays before the final contingency day and are asked to keep this day free.**

A level Results Day is on **Thursday 13 August**. School will be open from 7.45am and results will be available from 8.00am. Further details will be provided in due course. As usual, support with university entry and the clearing process will be available from the Sixth Form Team following release of results.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ms H Dalton', written in a cursive style.

Ms H Dalton
Deputy Headteacher