

Ref: KH/FS/Summer 2025 Exams

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Dear Parent/Carer



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Final Approach to Summer 2025 Exams

I am writing to inform you of some key dates and support that we are providing to Year 11 as we approach their mocks and final exams.

1. **‘On The Bus’** – this is a strategy we are using to reward pupils who are showing particular commitment to their studies both in and out of lessons. There will be fortnightly rewards for those who are in the top 20%. Please speak to your child further about this to see how many points they have so far and encourage them to stay ‘on the bus’ over the coming weeks. Remember, you can monitor your child’s praise points through WEDUC.
2. **Revision Materials and Past Papers** – each subject will signpost the most suitable revision materials and past papers to your child. Many of these resources are already uploaded on [Microsoft Teams](#) which your child can access via their school email account. If your child is unable to access Microsoft Teams, they must let their form tutor know during form time who will help them. There are also resources here: [Revision Resources](#) on our website and also some useful podcasts from ‘On the Sidelines’ [here](#).
3. **Exam Stress Support** – This can be a challenging time for students and those who they live with. There are some tips on how to support your child at home here [How Parents Can Help](#).
4. **Revision Timetables** – students were given a blank revision timetable in form time to help plan out their revision. Tips on effective revision timetables can be found here: [Revision Timetables](#).
5. **Mock Exams** – Monday 10th March 2025 – Friday 28th March 2025 – pupils received their personalised timetables in form time and will have another copy with their seat numbers on Monday 3rd March 2025. It would greatly help with the smooth running of the exams if you encouraged your child to remember their seat numbers (e.g. G5 and H7) for their exams each day. The master mock timetable can be found here: [Mock Exam Timetable](#) as well as rules for [external exams](#) and formal notices to candidates.
6. **Mock Results** – your child will receive their mock results in an assembly on Thursday 10th April 2025.
7. **Year 11 Parents Evening** – Thursday 10th April 2025 - this will be a chance to discuss your child’s mock performance and how they can improve ahead of the final exams. The virtual appointment system will go live soon; you will receive an email when it is live.



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8. **Period 6 (non-BTEC)** – Period 6 will finish on Friday 7th March 2025, with the exception of French and German Period 6 which will stop on Friday 1st March 2025 due to the mock speaking exams taking place.
9. **Period 6 (BTEC)** – Some BTEC subjects will continue to run their Period 6 sessions up until the Easter Holidays to give students time to work on their BTEC assignments. Your child will be notified by their class teacher if this applies to them.
10. **MFL Mock Speaking Exams** – these are taking place between Monday 3rd March 2025 and Friday 7th March 2025. Your child should already know when theirs is.
11. **Study Hall** – From Monday 24th February 2025 until Friday 20th June 2025 – all students are able to use the iCentre from 3:10pm-4:00pm for supervised silent study. There are revision guides available for loan, but it is advisable that students bring their own materials.
12. **Form Time Revision** – from Monday 24th February 2025 until Friday 2nd May 2025 - Year 11 will be expected to bring revision with them to do in form time. This is an additional 30 minutes of revision each morning under supervision of their form teacher who can offer tips on how to revise. There are revision boxes in form rooms to assist with this. Some students will be selected for additional coaching or Science sessions during this time.
13. **Easter Half Term Revision Sessions** - (targeted students only) – students will receive the invites for these sessions in due course. We ask you to return the consent forms promptly so we can plan accordingly.
14. **Study Leave** – Barr Beacon School does not allow any student to have study leave.
15. **Drop Down Timetable** – from Monday 5th May 2025 students will receive an adapted timetable to ensure they have focussed time with subject specialists just before an exam. A copy of this timetable will be provided in due course.
16. **Summer Exam Timetable** – a copy of the Summer Timetable can be found [here](#) – please check this before booking any family events as students cannot miss any of these exams.
17. **Attendance After Final Exam** – students will not be expected in school after their final exam. Further information about this will follow in due course.
18. **Leavers Assembly** – there will be a leavers assembly at the end of the exams which will give students the opportunity to celebrate their last 5 years at Barr Beacon School. Details of this will be provided in due course.



19. **Results day** – GCSE Results Day is Thursday 21st August 2025. You will receive the arrangements for this in due course. If you already know that your child will not be able to collect their results on this day, please email [postbox](mailto:postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk) and we will provide you will instructions.

20. **Year 11 Prom** – is taking place on Friday 27th June 2025. Please be reminded that this is a celebration of pupil effort and contributions to year 11. The success criteria for attendance were clearly detailed in the initial launch letter. The Headteacher's decision about attendance is final.

21. **Special Consideration Applications** – if your child experiences a difficult situation that may mean their performance in final exams is affected, please make us aware via [postbox](mailto:postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk) as soon as possible so we can inform the exam board so that this is taken into account when awarding marking. Guidance about what special consideration is can be found [here](#). All special consideration requests must be submitted to us by the end of the final examination period (Friday 20th June).

Thank you for your continued support, I can assure you it will all be worth it.

If you have any questions or need further support, please do not hesitate to contact us via postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk

Yours sincerely



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