

Ref: KH/FS/Summer 2025 Exams

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Dear Parent/Carer



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### **Summer 2025 Exams**

I am writing to confirm some key arrangements and information regarding final exams that have begun in earnest this week.

1. **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. There are resources here: Revision Resources on our website and also some useful podcasts from 'On the Sidelines' here.
2. **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. There will also be staff from the well-being hub on hand during the exam periods to provide support.
3. **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.
4. **Period 6s** – students should approach their teachers for additional support after school who will gladly give their time to help.
5. **Study Hall** – 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. Students may also use this before school (from 8:00am) on mornings that they do not have exams (see point 20)
6. **Form Time Revision** – Year 11 will be expected to bring revision with them to do in form time on mornings they do not have exams. 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.
7. **Study Leave** – Barr Beacon School does not allow any student to have study leave.



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8. **Drop Down Timetable** – from now on student's timetables will be adapted to ensure they have focussed time with subject specialists just before an exam. This will be communicated to students via their form tutors each morning. These sessions will take place during Period 3 if there is an exam at 1:00pm on the same day or Period 5 if there is an exam at 9:00am the next day. If a student doesn't have an exam on a particular day, normal lessons will take place and students are expected to bring revision material with them.

9. **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. Although highly unlikely to be needed, please also see point 24 about contingency days.

10. **Attendance After Final Exam** – students will not be expected in school after their final exam. Further information about this will follow in due course.

11. **Leavers Assembly** – there will be a leavers assembly from 11:15am-1:00pm on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June 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.

12. **Leaver's shirts, memory books and photos** - Students can bring in spare school shirts to be signed, but these are not to be worn until the leaver's assembly. Students can bring in memory books to be signed if they wish, but must not allow these to distract from the running of the school. Students may not use cameras on school site.

13. **Uniform donation** – if you wish to donate any items of your child's school uniform for the school to use, it can be brought to main reception any-time after Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June onwards.

14. **Revision book donation** – any revision books that are in good condition and not required by younger siblings, please return to main reception when no longer needed.

15. **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 with instructions.

16. **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.



17. **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 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).

18. **Absences from exams** – students are not allowed to miss exams unless there are extreme circumstances which prevent them from getting into school. If a situation arises, you must contact postbox immediately so we can advise on the best course of action. Exams cannot be sat at times other than specified on the exam timetable. We reserve the right to invoice parents for any exams missed.

19. **Arrival to school on days of morning exams** – when there is a morning exam, students are expected to be in school at 8:00am (in the hall) so they can take advantage of last-minute revision sessions with their teachers. They will need to come through the top entrance. Breakfast and drinks are provided. Students must sign in upon arrival so we know they are here. If any student has not signed in by 8:30am we will call home to confirm they are on their way.

20. **Arrival to school on days where there is NOT a morning exam** – students can arrive at normal time through the bottom gate if they do not have a morning exam. If they still wish to come onto school site early to revise (no earlier than 8:00am), they must either make an appointment with a specific teacher (or their form tutor) or go to the iCentre. Students arriving for early independent study need to come through the top gate.

21. **Lateness to exams** – if your child is running late in the morning (going to arrive after 9:00am) you must contact school immediately so we can advise of the best course of action.

22. **Road works and bus changes** – I previously wrote to you regarding issues beyond our control that could affect your child getting to school in the mornings. Please encourage your child to leave earlier on the days when there is a morning exam. However, please also rest assured that we will not penalise any student who has genuine issues arriving at school in time for the exam and they will be allowed to sit the exam with their full time allowance.

23. **Disqualification from exams** – any pupil caught cheating or having forbidden materials or items on them during an exam will be reported to the exam board and may be disqualified from all exams.

24. **Contingency Days** – Although it is highly unlikely they will be needed, JCQ have designated the afternoon session of Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June and the morning and afternoon sessions of Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June as contingency sessions for examinations in the event of national or significant local disruption.



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](mailto:postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk)

Yours sincerely



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