

KH/LMc/TM/26Exams

Wednesday 18th March 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 11 Summer 2026 Exams



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I am writing to confirm some key arrangements and information regarding the final exams that are fast approaching.

1. **Mock 2 Results** – your child will receive their mock results in an assembly on Friday 27th March 2026. You will also receive an electronic copy uploaded to the documents section of your WEDUC app.
2. **Year 11 Parents Evening 2** – Thursday 23rd April 2026 - 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 on Monday 13th April you will receive an email from school cloud when it is live.
3. **'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.
4. **Easter Half Term Revision Sessions** – as with February half term, we will be offering a range of online revision sessions pupils will receive the invites for these sessions in due course. We ask you to return the consent forms promptly so we can plan accordingly.
5. **'6-7' Club** – online revision sessions led by Barr Beacon teachers are continuing in the weeks leading up to and will also take place during the final exams. Year 11 will receive the schedule and links to these via their school email.
6. **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](#).
7. **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.
8. **Revision Timetables** – pupils will be 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](#).
9. **Period 0s/6s** – pupils should approach their teachers for additional support before/after school who will gladly give their time to help.



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10. **Study Halls** – all pupils are able to use the Bistro between 8:00-8:30am (entering via main school reception) or 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.
11. **Form Time Revision** – Pupils are currently receiving revision sessions led by subject specialists from 8:40am-9:10am each morning. After Easter, Year 11 will be expected to bring revision materials with them to do in form time. Their form teacher can offer tips on how to revise. There are also revision boxes in form rooms.
12. **Study Leave** – Barr Beacon School does not allow any student to have study leave.
13. **Drop Down Timetable** – from Friday 1st May 2026 timetables will be adapted to ensure Year 11 have focussed time with subject specialists just before an exam. This will be communicated to pupils 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 pupil doesn't have an exam on a particular day, normal lessons will take place and pupils are expected to bring revision material with them.
14. **Summer Exam Timetable** – a copy of the Summer Timetable can be found [here](#) – please check this before booking any family events as pupils cannot miss any of these exams. Although highly unlikely to be needed, please also see the point below about emergency contingency days. Pupils will receive a personalised copy of their timetable (with seat numbers and tiers on) no later than Tuesday 14th April 2026.
15. **Final Decisions on Tier Entries** – for Maths, Science and Modern Foreign Languages where there are tiers (higher/foundation) decisions are now being made by your child's teacher and subject leader in conjunction with the Headteacher as to the most appropriate level of exam to be taken. If your child has not shown, in a formal exam setting, that they are capable of securing at least a grade 5 on a higher paper then it is likely they will be entered for the foundation paper. Foundation papers still allow pupils to obtain a grade 5 with a reduced risk of achieving a U grade. You will receive final confirmation of tier entries on the final exam timetable as outlined above. The deadline for disputing final tier entries is Monday 20th April 2026, 1pm. Questions must be made in writing to postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk. After this date, a late amendment fee of £150 per subject will be invoiced to you.
16. **Final Decisions on Access Arrangements** – if your child had access arrangements during the mock examinations (e.g reader pen; white noise; quiet room; quiet loops) they will be replicated in the final exams. If your child has been allocated 25% extra time *and we have no clear evidence of them using this extra time extensively in mock examinations*, under new JCQ rules, we cannot allow them to have extra time during the final exams. If this is the case, pupils will be changed from extra time to rest breaks. In many cases, pupils find rest breaks are more suited to their needs. If you are unclear about your child's specific access arrangements please contact Mr P Davies via postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk. For further information about access arrangements please visit the JCQ website [here](#) and also [here](#)



17. **Attendance After Final Exam** – pupils 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 from 11:15am-1:00pm on Monday 15th June which will give pupils the opportunity to celebrate their last 5 years at Barr Beacon School. Details of this will be provided in due course. Those sitting Further Maths exam on the afternoon of Monday 15th June will still be permitted into in the assembly.
19. **Leavers' Hoodies** – The cost of the hoodie is £26. If you wish to purchase a Leavers' Hoodie, please make the payment of £26 via your ParentPay account by Friday 1st May 2026. You will have also receive a separate letter regarding this.
20. **Uniform donation** – if you wish to donate any items of your child's school uniform for the school to use, it can be bought to main reception any-time after Monday 15th June 2026 onwards. We would particularly welcome school ties.
21. **Revision book donation** – any revision books purchased for your child by the school, that are in good condition and not required by younger siblings, please return to main reception when no longer needed. If you have any further donations or revision materials, these will be gratefully received.
22. **Results day** – GCSE Results Day is 8:00am on Thursday 20th August 2026. 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 and we will provide you will instructions.
23. **Year 11 Prom** – is taking place on Friday 3rd July 2026. 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.
24. **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
25. 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 19th June 2026).
26. **Absences from exams** – pupils 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 purposely missed.
27. **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. If they are classed as 'very late' (over 1hr after the published start time of 9:00am) they will not be allowed to sit the exam.
28. **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 bistro) 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. Pupils must sign in upon arrival, so we know they are here. If any pupil has not signed in by 8:30am we will call home to confirm they are on their way.

29. **Arrival to school on days where there is NOT a morning exam** – pupils 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 bistro. Pupils arriving for early independent study need to come through the top gate.
30. **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 as malpractice and they will be disqualified from all exams by the exam boards. For more information about malpractice please see [here](#).
31. **Contingency Days** – Although it is highly unlikely they will be needed, JCQ have designated the morning and afternoon sessions of Wednesday 24th June 2026 as contingency sessions for examinations in the event of national or significant local disruption where exams cannot take place.

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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