

KH/ACL/TM/26Exams

Thursday 19th March 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 13 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.

- 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.
- ‘On The Plane’**– 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 plane’ over the coming weeks. Remember, you can monitor your child’s praise points through ClassCharts.
- Easter Half Term Revision Sessions** – as February half term, we will be offering a range of online revision sessions 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.
- 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](#).
- 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.
- Revision Timetables** – students have been trained on how to create effective revision timetables. Please take this opportunity to check that all students have one in place and are sticking to it.
- Period 0s/6s** – students should approach their teachers for additional support before/after school who will gladly give their time to help.
- Study Halls** – all students are able to use the Bistro 8:00-8:30am (enter via main school reception) or the iCentre from 3:10pm-4:00pm for supervised silent study. There are revision guides available for loan in the common room, but it is advisable that students bring their own materials.



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9. **Form Time Revision** – After Easter, Year 13 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.

10. **Drop Down Timetable** – from Friday 1st May 2026, timetables will be adapted to ensure Year 13 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.

11. **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 the point below about emergency contingency days. Students will receive a personalised copy of their timetable (with seat numbers and tiers on) no later than Tuesday 14th April 2026.

12. **Final Decisions on Access Arrangements** – if your child had access arrangements during the mock examinations (e.g reader pen, white noise, quiet room, fidget toy, 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, students will be changed from extra time to rest breaks. In many cases, students 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](#)

13. **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.

14. **Results day** – A Level Results Day is Thursday 13th 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 with instructions.

15. **Year 13 Leavers' Ball**– is taking place on Friday 19th June 2026. Please be reminded that this is a celebration of pupil effort and contributions to year 13. We expect that highest standards of behaviour between now and the event. The Headteacher can make the decision to not permit students to attend should their behaviour not meet these standards.

16. **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 19th June 2026).

17. **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 purposely missed.

18. **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.

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 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. 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. **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](#).

21. **Contingency Days** – Although it is highly unlikely they will be needed, JCQ have designated the morning and afternoon sessions of Wednesday 26th June 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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