

# Stoke High School - Ormiston Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer,

As your child reaches the end of their time at Stoke High School, I am updating you with the processes and procedures to keep you informed for the year 11 students. There will be some lesson changes and interventions implemented to support students during their exams to enable students to achieve the best grades possible. I have outlined below the key information to keep you informed.

## **Revision**

Your child will have already had opportunities to take part in extra revision after school throughout Year 11 including after school #6 sessions. These revision sessions are still being held, homework set, and revision materials on Teams (POD) which they can access through their school account. Keeping up work is available for students who may have been off with illness, so students do not miss any key information from lessons.

The Hub study space is open for all students after school every day until 4pm. In addition, the BAR (Breakfast and Revision) is open every morning in the canteen from 8AM. Your child is placed in a form group where they take part in either English, Maths or Pastoral intervention to support their learning needs.

Prior to exams, students will be provided with extra revision booster sessions in the lead up to a specific exam within their school timetable. This is being organised internally, and your child will be informed of further revision classes and booster sessions nearer the time. Details will be published and reminders given regularly to ensure that your child is prepared.

Our school website has more information and revision strategies to support your child at home: [Stoke High School - Ormiston Academy - Exam Preparation](#)

## **Exams**

Your child will receive their personal exam timetable outlining which exams they will take and when. Please check entries and names carefully to ensure that they are correct. Names will be on the formal certificates sent out later this year. I have added a copy of the full 2026 exams timetable to the bottom of this letter for your reference. If your child has not received an exam timetable, or you would like one yourself, please email Mr. Beacham, our exams officer, on [mbeacham@stokehigh.co.uk](mailto:mbeacham@stokehigh.co.uk)

Morning exams will start at **9am** so all students need to arrive to school at normal time in full school uniform. Students will stay at school throughout the day regardless of whether they have an exam in the afternoon as there are taught revision lessons and revision booster sessions to support further study.

Afternoon exams will start at **1pm**. Students will be given an early lunch on days when there are PM exams. Those receiving free school meals will still have access to the canteen during this early lunch. Those who do not have an afternoon exam will be in their normal lessons or a scheduled revision booster session and have lunch at the normal time.

Full details of the JCQ rules for exams for candidates can be found at the following link: [IFC- Written Examinations 2025 FINAL.pdf](#)

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GCSE results day is **Thursday 20 August 2026** when students will receive a provisional statement of results. Further details about Leavers Assembly and arrangements for Prom will follow at a later date from Mr Eversley.

Our website is updated with details of exam dates, revision strategies including revision website links: [Stoke High School - Ormiston Academy - Exam Preparation.](#)

Below, I have given the answers to some frequently asked questions about the examination period. Should you have any further enquiries, please do get in contact.

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Mr. M. Beacham – Exams Officer: [mbeacham@stokehigh.co.uk](mailto:mbeacham@stokehigh.co.uk)

We wish your child the best of luck in their upcoming exams.

Yours sincerely,

Miss J Iles

Assistant Principal – Outcomes



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## Exams FAQ – Summer 2026

### How can I support students to prepare for the upcoming exams?

All students should ensure that they get a good night's sleep before the exam to ensure that they are refreshed and focused. We strongly encourage screens to be off at least 1-2 hours before hand for good quality sleep.

The BAR is open in the canteen from 8AM every morning – this space is for breakfast and revision to allow students to have a calm start to the morning to feel prepared.

The Hub is available every day after school in the Canteen until 4PM where there are revision materials and a quiet working space to prepare for examinations.

Revision sessions are on before every exams – either the morning or day before depending on the timing of different exams. A timetable will be published to students to confirm timings and regularly updated so students know which days and times these will be.

### What equipment should students bring for the exams?

Students should bring a minimum of 2 black pens (blue is not acceptable), approved calculator for relevant exams, and appropriate apparatus such as ruler, pencil and highlighter. Clear water bottles are allowed with their labels removed and bottles should only contain water.

Students MUST NOT bring in a phone/ watch/ air pods/ ear buds/smart devices/ or any revision notes into the exam as these are considered unauthorised material. Pockets should be empty before the exam begins to ensure that JCQ guidelines are met. The following link has some more information: [JCQ-Preparing-to-sit-your-exams\\_-2025\\_2026.pdf](#)

### How do I know when the exams are?

All students should have an exams timetable. If it has been misplaced, ask form tutors/ Head of Year or Exams Officer Mr Beacham for a new copy. The generic timetable is below to confirm dates and timings.

### What time do exams start?

All morning exams start at 9AM. Students should be at school for usual time before 8:25AM to ensure a positive start to the day to ensure ready for exams.

Afternoon exams are at 1PM. Students will have an early lunch – 12:20PM so that they are ready for the official start time of the exam.

### What happens if I am late to school and the exam?

Students should aim to be at school before 8:25AM, as the BAR is open in the canteen every morning.



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If there is a problem with traffic/ delays etc please call Reception and let us know. Late entry to the exam is at the discretion of the Head of Centre, Ms Baldwin.

## What happens if I am ill on the day of the exam?

Before the exam if students feel unwell then they should let a member of staff know. If they are unwell in the exam, they should let an invigilator know. Exams **cannot** be moved to an alternative day due to illness.

## I can't find my school uniform- what should I wear to school?

School uniform **MUST** be worn to all exams. Please let us know in advance if there are any uniform issues.

## What is exam malpractice?

Exam malpractice, means any act, default or practice which is a breach of exam regulations, compromising the integrity of assessments and providing an unfair advantage. Exam malpractice includes bringing unauthorized materials (phones, notes) into the exam room, cheating, plagiarism, collusion, or communicating during exams. Malpractice can lead to **no grade** being given for a paper, a grade for a qualification or for any qualifications taken with that exam board. If students are not sure about anything then they need to speak to Mr Beacham, Mr Eversley or myself. [JCQ Social Media Infographic v4](#)

## Stoke is a phone free school – what happens to phones during exams?

Phones **MUST** be switched off and placed in **pouches** which are locked which are to be placed into bags to follow JCQ regulations. If a student does not have a bag – please hand in pouch to form tutor/ PSM/ Head of Year/ Front office or to an invigilator.

## What happens if the fire alarm/ lockdown alarm goes off?

Procedures are in place if this is the case – Invigilators, Exams officer and SLT will guide students as to the protocols in place.

## What are contingency days?

There are contingency sessions within the Summer 2026 exam timetable –all day **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2026**, students should make sure you are available on this day even if you do not have an exam.



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## EXAMS TIMETABLE SUMMER 2026

Exam Date	Subject	Exam Board	Time
20-21 April	Fine Art	AQA	10 hours
20-23 April	Photography	AQA	10 hours
27-30 April	3D Design	AQA	10 hours
1-May	pm Travel & Tourism	Pearson BTEC	2 hours
1-May	pm Digital information technology	Pearson BTEC	1 h 30m
5-May	am Health & Social Care	Pearson BTEC	2 hours
6-May	French Speaking (appointments)	Pearson	N/A
7-May	pm Citizenship Paper 1	OCR	50 min
8-May	pm Drama	WJEC	1h 30m
8-May	pm Child Development	Pearson BTEC	2 hours
11-May	am English Literature Paper 1	AQA	1h 45m
11-May	pm Business Paper 1	OCR	1h 30m
12-May	pm Biology Paper 1	AQA	1h 15m/ 1h 45m
13-May	am Geography B Paper 1	WJEC	1h 45m
14-May	am Maths Paper 1 - Non-calculator	Pearson	1h 30m



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14-May	pm	Citizenship Paper 2	OCR	1h 45m
15-May	am	History Paper 1	Pearson	1h 20m
18-May	am	Chemistry Paper 1	AQA	1h15m/1h 45m
19-May	am	English Literature Paper 2	AQA	2h 15m
20-May	am	French Listening & Reading	Pearson	F 35m H 45m/ F 45 H 1h
21-May	am	English Language Paper 1	AQA	1h 45m
21-May	am	English Language 2.0 Non-Fiction	Pearson	1h 55m
21-May	pm	Business Paper 2	OCR	1h 30m
1-Jun	am	Citizenship Paper 3	OCR	1h
2-Jun	am	Physics Paper 1	AQA	1h 15m/ 1h 45m
2-Jun	pm	Portuguese Listening and Reading	Pearson	45m/1h
3-Jun	am	Maths Paper 2 - Calculator	Pearson	1h 30m
3-Jun	pm	Geography B Paper 2	WJEC	1h 30m
4-Jun	am	History Paper 2	Pearson	1h 50m
4-Jun	pm	French reading and understanding	Pearson	F 35m H 45m/ F 45 H 1h
5-Jun	am	English Language Paper 2	AQA	1h 45m
5-Jun	am	English Language 2.0 Contemp. Texts	Pearson	1h 55m
8-Jun	am	Biology Paper 2	AQA	1h 15m/ 1h 45m



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8-Jun	pm	French Writing	Pearson	F1h15m/ H1h 20m
9-Jun	am	Sport (Computer)	WJEC Vocational	1h 20m
9-Jun	pm	History Paper 3	Pearson	1h 30m
10-Jun	am	Maths Paper 3 - Calculator	Pearson	1h 30m
11-Jun	am	Geography B Paper 3	WJEC	1h 30m
12-Jun	am	Chemistry Paper 2	AQA	1h 15m/ 1h 45m
12-Jun	pm	Hospitality & Catering	WJEC Vocational	1h 20m
12-Jun	pm	Portuguese Writing	Pearson	1h 20m
15-Jun	am	Physics Paper 2	AQA	1h 15m/ 1h 45m



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