

4 March 2024

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

Public Examination Arrangements: Summer 2024

Please find below key information regarding the forthcoming summer public examinations.

Examinations Timetable

Students in Year 11 and 13 will shortly receive a personalised exam timetable published on Edulink in the examinations tab. Form Tutors will advise students when this is available. If you have any questions or concerns about the timetable, please contact the Exams Office by emailing exams@wealdgs.org. Students with examination clashes will be spoken to as soon as possible to clarify their individual arrangements. Please note that changes can still occur to the timetable in the run up to the exams, including seating arrangements. We therefore advise students to check their timetables regularly, including the night before each exam. It is also important to note that all students are expected to be available for the duration of the examination period, inclusive of the contingency date of Wed 26 June.

Subject specific points to note:

- The Art exams fall outside of the normal timetable. A-Level dates are 29 April – 1st May; GCSE dates are 2 & 3 May.
- The MFL oral exams window is 16-26 April. The relevant Head of Department will contact you directly with their oral exam date and time.
- Both Art and MFL exams may not show on the Edulink timetables.
- Any queries regarding subject specific tiers for Maths and Science should be directed to the Heads of Department concerned.

Summer study leave

The last day in school for Year 11 and 13 will be as follows:

- Year 11: Wednesday 1 May
- Year 13: Friday 3 May

Parent Tips and Advice

For Parent Tips and Advice for the Examination Period, please see the Exams section of our website under 'Letters 2023-24'.

Examination Regulations

The Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) Information for Candidates in examinations and NEAs, which all students must re-read prior to their examinations, can be found on the Exams section of our website under 'Information for Candidates 2023-24'.

Ofqual Student Guide 2024

Ofqual have produced a student guide with information about this year's arrangements for qualifications which we encourage students, parents and carers to read as this is a plain English guide to topics including: Arrangements for exams and assessments; Support material; GCSE Tiering; Exam timetables; GCSE, AS and A-Level exam dates; Reasonable Adjustments or access arrangements; Preparing for exams and assessments; Special Consideration; Malpractice; Marking; Grading; Getting Your Results and the Review of Results process amongst others.

It also explains what extra support is in place when taking exams and assessments: *'The Department for Education has confirmed it is not necessary for students to memorise formulae for GCSE mathematics and equations for GCSE physics and combined science in 2024. Students will be provided with support materials in the form of formulae and revised equations sheets for GCSE mathematics, physics and combined science exams in 2024 only. For GCSE mathematics this will also apply to exams taken in November 2024.'*

The Department for Education has confirmed that 2024 will be the final year for these changes to its subject content requirements. There will be a return to normal exam arrangements for these subjects in 2025. This means that formulae and revised equation sheets will not be available after 2024. Students preparing for GCSE mathematics, physics and combined science exams in 2025 and beyond will be expected to know and recall all the usual formulae and equations set out in DfE's subject content.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ofqual-student-guide-2024/ofqual-student-guide-2024>

Results Days

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that the A-Level and GCSE results days will be Thursday 15 and 22 August 2024 respectively. Please be reminded that results will be available for face-to-face collection and will not be sent out by post. School will be open from 08:00 for face to face collection on the days. Results will also be published on Edulink at 10:00. Results will not be communicated over the phone or via email under any circumstances. The Senior Leadership Team will be available throughout the day to assist with the admissions process.

We encourage you to make advance arrangements for these results to be picked up in person as it is only by this means that the full break down of individual subject results can be viewed and not via our online system Edulink, which shows full grades only. Any students who are unable to collect in person can nominate another person to do so with advance written permission to exams@wealdgs.org by no later than 14 and 21 August respectively. Please note that any requests for alternative collection sent on the results days may not be processed.

Further information regarding results day processes will be sent out in due course.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank students for their hard work and determination so far in their studies and in the run up to the exams.

Yours faithfully

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