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Dear Parent/Carer

As you may have seen from our school calendar, we have our 'Whole School Examinations Week' starting on Monday 15 June. I wanted to take this opportunity to explain how this week will run, and look for the children, so you can also prepare and support from home.

Alongside our ongoing formative assessment, we believe that end of year examinations are an important opportunity for staff to develop a complete understanding of the progress each child has made over the course of the school year. The outcomes of the examinations will allow us to see where gaps have been closed and where they still remain, and will therefore help to inform our planning for the next academic year.

For the pupils, there are also great benefits of introducing them to examinations from Year 7. It is an opportunity for them to reflect on their own learning over the year and to showcase the progress that they have made, feeling that sense of achievement, but it is also an opportunity to develop, over time, the skills necessary to succeed. We want pupils to feel ready and prepared as they approach their final exams and not to feel overwhelmed and daunted by the process, we want them to feel confident in this situation due to the practice and support they have received. However, if your child is concerned about their examinations, please do ask them to speak to their Form Tutor who will provide the necessary support and re-assurance.

Year 10 Examination Week

Our Year 10 pupils have received an individual timetable before half term with examinations in English, Maths, Science and each of their 4 option subjects. Exams will take place in the morning 9-11am and again in the afternoon, 1.00 – 2.30pm (Maths only, early lunch will be arranged) and 2.15 – 3.25pm for option subjects. All examinations will finish in time for the end of the school day at 3.25pm. For English and Maths, pupils have been allocated their individual seat in the Sports Hall or the Library, as they would in their final GCSEs, and this will be their seat for all exams that they take. In addition to the benefits discussed above, it also provides pupils with an opportunity to familiarise themselves with the examination process to ensure the smooth running of the final GCSE exams. Option Subjects and Science exams will be sat in Form Rooms with their form tutor providing supervision. The first exam for Year 10 will be Maths Paper 1 Non-Calculator on the afternoon of Tuesday 9 June.



Years 7, 8 and 9

For pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 examinations will run from Tuesday 16 – Friday 19 June. Exams will take place in the morning 9-11am and in the afternoon 2.15-3.25pm, finishing in time for the end of the school day. Pupils will remain in their form rooms for their exams and will be supervised by their Form Tutor.

If you child is entitled to any access arrangements, these will be provided.

Please see below a copy of the examination timetables by year group.

Once examinations have been marked, teachers will collate the results, and these will be sent out to parents along with your child's End of Year School report on Thursday 16 July.

Over the coming weeks, your child's form tutor will be supporting them in developing effective revision strategies to help prepare for their assessments.

During this time, students will be provided with a revision booklet and shown how to access a range of revision resources on the school website. They will also take part in a series of sessions covering:

1. Organising revision
2. How to use flash cards
3. How to use revision mats
4. How to practise exam questions
5. How to make the most of online resources

These sessions are designed to help students build confidence and develop independent study skills that will support them both now and in the future. We encourage you to discuss these strategies with your child and support them in putting these into practice at home. Please find all revision resources on our school website: [Welcome to Holmfirth High School Holmfirth High School](#) Curriculum > Revision Support for Years 7-10

If you have any further questions, please contact your child's Form Tutor, Head of House or myself. Can I also again stress that we do not want pupils to feel anxious, the exams are for the teachers to assess progress and have a clear understanding of the next steps for the next school year. However, if your child is concerned, please ask them to speak with their Form Tutor.

Yours sincerely

Mrs K Logan

Senior Deputy Headteacher

Whole School Exams Week 15 June – 19 June 2026

Year 10 Timetable

		Tuesday 9 June			Friday 12 June
AM					
PM		Maths Non Calc			Maths Paper 2

	Monday 15 June	Tuesday 16 June	Wednesday 17 June	Thursday 18 June	Friday 19 June
AM	Chemistry Combined & Separates	Biology Combined & Separates	Physics Combined & Separates	ENG Lit	ENG Lang
PM	Option V	Option W	Maths Paper 3	Option X	Option Y

English and Maths exams to take place in the Sports Hall

Option Subjects in Form Rooms.

Years 7, 8 and 9 Timetables

All exams will take place in Form Rooms with Form Tutors

Year 7	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Period 1	English	Maths	Science	Drama
Period 2	History	Geography	RPSE	Technology
Period 5	MFL	Computing	Music	Normal Lessons

Year 8	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Period 1	Technology	Drama	History	Maths
Period 2	Science	Music	RPSE	English
Period 5	Computing	MFL	Geography	Normal Lessons

Year 9	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Period 1	Drama	Maths	Geography	History
Period 2	Technology	RPSE	English	Science
Period 5	Music	Computing	MFL	Normal Lessons