

RCCS FAQs Y11 GCSE Summer Examinations

Do pupils attend school when they do not have an exam?

Yes, they need to attend lessons in examination subjects until the final examination has been taken in that subject. If they have an exam in the afternoon however we expect them to study for that exam in the morning rather than take normal lessons.



What about revision?

Teachers put on revision sessions in their own time, during the holidays, after school and sometimes on Saturdays. Pupils are told about this. Guided study should also be done independently at home, of course- this is crucial.

Do they have to wear uniform for the exams?

Yes. Pupils must wear the normal school uniform and risk sanctions if they do not do so, just as they have over the last five years. In extreme cases this could result in being barred from an exam. No inappropriate haircuts are allowed either. Basically, normal school rules apply.

What happens if my child is ill?

You must contact the school straightaway and your child should go to the doctor as you will need to get a note. If missed an exam cannot be taken late, but the school can provide estimated grades to the boards (that's why the mock exams are so important!) Pupils should make every attempt to attend exams

Do I have to pay for examination fees?

No. If your child is entered for an exam, however, and fails to attend you may be charged the fee- but not if you have a genuine reason like illness of course (see above)



When and where are the exams?

Each pupil has an individual timetable with all this information. Ask to see it!

How and when do I get the results?

Each year we issue a letter which lets you know the date results can be collected from school- usually towards the end of August. If you can't be there, you'll need to leave an SAE so we can post them. Please do not ring the school.

What do I do if my child fails to get the results s/he needs for the next stage in her/his life?

Contact us, we can help. For example we can talk with FE colleges to try to sort things out to everyone's benefit.