

30 April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Subject: Masterclasses

We are writing to inform you of a temporary change to the school timetable during the GCSE examination period.

To ensure that examinations run smoothly and that students are supported appropriately, some classes will be reorganised throughout this time. Instead of their usual lessons, students will take part in targeted masterclasses designed to reinforce key knowledge, build exam technique, and provide focused support in specific subjects.

These masterclasses will be led by specialist staff and tailored to support preparation for their GCSE examinations. Students will be informed of where they need to be each day, and attendance remains compulsory.

Please see the attached timetable for full details of when masterclasses will take place and the subjects involved. When students are not involved in a masterclass they will follow their normal timetable.

In addition, each morning exam will be preceded by a short briefing from the Subject Leader - this was trialled during the second set of mock exams and was very successful.

We appreciate your continued support during this important period and encourage you to discuss the timetable with your child to help them prepare. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the academy.

Friday 12 June 2026

On the attached timetable you will see that on this day there is a Chemistry exam in the morning followed by a Physics and Statistics Masterclass during periods 3 and 4. Students who study Statistics then have their exam in the afternoon. Students who do not do Statistics will be able to sign out at lunchtime if they wish and end their school day. If they want to stay in school, then they will attend Periods 5&6 as normal.

Week Commencing 15 June 2026

During this week students are only required to attend for their examinations, masterclasses and briefings that apply to them. If a student cannot get home after an exam they can stay in school where they will be supervised until the end of the day.

Mindset Day 30 April 2026

During Mindset Day this Thursday, students will have the opportunity to register with the Education Records App. To do this, they need to download the app onto their phone. They will then register with the App during the school day by accessing a QR code generated by their teacher. Students

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will have access to the Academy Wi-Fi network, so they do not have to use their own data when doing this.

More information on the App can be found here:

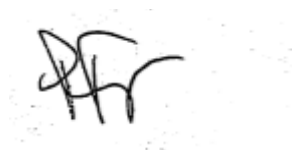
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZSg32VhCHSw>

Students who are in the Photography exam will have the opportunity to register with the App during form time on Friday.

Masterclass Timetable:

Date	Period	Exams	Masterclasses
Monday 11th May	Tutor		English Briefing
	P1	English Literature	
	P2		
	P3		
	P4		Business Masterclass
	P5	Business	Geography Masterclass
	P6		
Tuesday 12th May	Tutor		RE Briefing
	P1	RE	
	P2		
	P3		
	P4		Biology Masterclass
	P5	Biology	
	P6		
Wednesday 13th May	Tutor		Geography Briefing
	P1	Geography	
	P2		
	P3		
	P4		
	P5		Maths Masterclass
	P6		
Thursday 14th May	Tutor		Maths Briefing
	P1	Maths	
	P2		
	P3		
	P4		
	P5		History Masterclass
	P6		
Friday 15th May	Tutor		History Briefing
	P1	History	
	P2		
	P3		
	P4		
	P5		Chemistry Masterclass
	P6		

Yours sincerely



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