



# THE ECCLESBOURNE SCHOOL

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## Celebration Assembly and the Exam Period

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware, some GCSE exams have already begun, and from next week, the exam schedule intensifies through to mid-June. We understand that this can be a challenging time for students, and we are committed to supporting them through the exam period both academically and pastorally.

From Monday 12th May 2025, students may begin Home Study Leave, where this has been requested and approved by parents and carers using the online form. If you have not yet completed this then you can do so by following this link and completing the form by Tuesday 6 May. <https://tinyurl.com/Y11ExamAndLeavers>

For many students, this can be a valuable opportunity to revise independently in preparation for their upcoming exams. For some students, based on their progress and individual learning needs, it is beneficial to continue attending school full-time during the examination period. If this applies to your child, you will have been contacted directly by a member of our pastoral team. Engagement with after-school support has been taken into consideration when deciding on eligibility for Home Study Leave, and families will be informed of the final decision in the week commencing Monday 5th May 2025.

We remain fully committed to supporting all students throughout the exam period. There is supervised silent study space in the Library for any Year 11 student who wishes to revise in a structured and quiet environment with access to support. In addition, we will be running a full range subject-specific revision sessions and structured support opportunities throughout the examination period. These are open to all students, whether they are on Home Study Leave or attending school daily. A full timetable of revision sessions is on the Examinations page on our website here: [gcse revision 2025.pdf](#) along with a wealth of resources to be found on the Student Portal which your child can access via their laptops.

During study leave, students will be formally registered for attendance at each examination. If students attend school at other times—for revision sessions or independent study—they must sign in and out at Reception using their lanyard cards. This is to ensure we always maintain a safe and secure environment.

This year, our **Year 11 celebration assembly and lunch is on Wednesday 7 May**. While it is unusual for this event to fall midweek, it has been scheduled on this day as it is the only one next week without exams. Students will return to school on Thursday and Friday for further exams and revision sessions. We appreciate your support in encouraging your child to remain focused and engaged through to the end of the week, as every day counts at this stage of their GCSE journey.

Over the bank holiday weekend, we encourage you to review your child's exam timetable with them and ensure they have the correct equipment and resources prepared. This small step can help reduce anxiety and contribute to a calm start to each exam.

Finally, we recognise that students may be feeling a mixture of excitement and nerves during this period. Please encourage them to rest well, maintain routines that support their wellbeing, and ask for support if needed. Our Upper School team is always available for pastoral care, and we are here to help every student succeed. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if we can help in any way.

Yours sincerely,

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