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Thornleigh Salesian College - School Prayer



In the name of Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Heavenly Father,
be with us as we live, learn,
and **grow together**.

Inspire in us a spirit of
respect, understanding, affection, and humour,
so that all **know** that they are
valued, loved, and cherished.

With **Mary as our guide**,
encourage us to **be more like Jesus**,
today and every day.

Amen

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Exam timetable

The full timetable is available on the website –

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Exams

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Dates run from 6th May (BTECs) to 25th June.

Business Studies – first GCSE Fri 9th May pm

English Lit- first big GCSE – Mon 12th May am

The information on this is important, so do not lose it. It will tell you-

- when and where your exams will take place
- Your seat number
- the name which will appear on your certificate
- Your candidate number

Personal Timetables

- When and where exams will take place
- Seat number
- The name which will appear on the certificate
- Candidate number

Candidate Exam Timetable

Summer Rose

Candidate Information

Date of Birth
02 Feb 2005

Candidate Number
0003 (Internal)

Registration Form
Form 11BR

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Date	Time	End Time	Subject	Examination	Duration	Location	Seat
TBC	(TBC)	(TBC)	English Language	Spoken Language (1EN0 E) (Pearson)		(TBC)	(TBC)
TBC	(TBC)	(TBC)	Business	Business Paper 1 (8132/1) (AQA)	02:30 (Extra time - 00:30)	(TBC)	(TBC)
TBC	(TBC)	(TBC)	Business	Business Paper 2 (8132/2) (AQA)	01:15 (Extra time - 00:15)	(TBC)	(TBC)

The exam period

- There is no 'study leave' – everyone will remain in school until the last exam (for most people that will be Monday 16th June, for some it will be Wednesday 18th June).
- These are not PPEs – you cannot 'catch up' if a paper is missed. The exam has to be sat on the day the exam board has set, at the time they have set. This is non negotiable.
- Exams start at 9am and 1.30pm

Before the exam

- School will be open from 7.30 am- exam desks are set up in the hall and staff members will be around for last minute questions. Breakfast bars are available.
 - There will be a Pre Exam Briefing which will be in the gym at 8.30am for morning exams. For afternoon exams these will take place during your final lesson for that subject.
 - This is not a revision session, but a reminder of timings and exam skills as your teachers are not allowed in the exam room.
 - Following that, students will go straight to the exam venue where they will line up and wait to be called in. This is a requirement from JCQ as this is the way we validate their identity.
 - There can be no amendments to the seating plan – students must sit in the allocated seat
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Prohibited Items – in PPEs and GCSEs



The awarding body will be notified if anyone is found with any prohibited items on them, **whether they were intended to be used or not.**

The awarding body may decide to disqualify a student not only from that paper but the whole subject qualification and even possibly from all GCSE subjects.

You are not allowed **any watch** in the examination room.

Pockets need to be free from paper of any kind and no writing on hands is permitted.

Equipment

Please make sure the following is brought to every exam:

- Black pen (at least 2) – essential for all exams.
- HB Pencil (at least 2)
- Ruler (graduated in both cm and mm)
- A scientific calculator with you every day – and the correct equipment needed for Maths exams and any other exams that need technical drawings
- Equipment must be kept in a clear pencil case, the calculator memory must be cleared and its lid removed.
- Only material listed on the question paper is allowed on the desk.
- Water is allowed into the exam hall but it **MUST** be in a clear bottle with the label removed. No other food or drink will be allowed unless specific permission has been granted (e.g. for medical reasons).



Figure 1 - Scientific calculator with no lid



Figure 2 - Clear Plastic Pencil Case with Essential Equipment



Figure 3 - Clear water bottle with no label

In the room

- The sports hall becomes an exam room and all rules apply from the moment students step through the door, until they leave the room. The procedures will be no different from the PPEs.
- Members of staff are not allowed in the room – the only staff who will be in at the beginning are the Year team, Ms McKenna or myself who will be there to check attendance only.
- The room will be staffed by trained invigilators who have a set of rules to follow. **If any student is asked to leave the room for any reason, they cannot go back in and their paper will be cancelled.**

In the room – rules from the JCQ

- Do not talk to, attempt to communicate with or disturb other candidates once in the examination room
- **Do not open the question paper** until instructed by the invigilator that the exam can begin. **Do not complete the first page** of the paper (name etc.) until instructed to.

A breach of examination conditions is considered by the awarding bodies as malpractice*

What if I'm....

...late? (from the JCQ)

A candidate who arrives after the start of the examination may be allowed to enter the examination room and sit the examination. This is entirely at the discretion of the centre. The centre must warn the candidate that the awarding body may not accept their script where they arrive very late for the examination.

Let us know as early as possible. We may be able to offer support to help get students here. When a late student arrives, they should sign in at reception and someone will escort them to the room. Do not enter the exam room alone.

...ill?

If your child is too ill to complete your exam you should contact school – try to speak to the Year team or Mrs Moran-Hetherington as early as possible.

You will require a medical certificate so we can apply for 'special consideration' for you. Whether this is accepted or how the grade is awarded is at the discretion of the exam board, not the school.

Revision

How to begin

- A good revision timetable is best kept simple
- List all the subjects
- Rank them – using target grades and/or the last attainment grade from the school report

WEEKLY REVISION PLANNER

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	TIME	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
8:30AM -4PM	SCHOOL	SCHOOL	SCHOOL	SCHOOL	SCHOOL	9AM- 10AM	BREAKFAST/ SHOWER	BREAKFAST/ SHOWER
4PM- 5PM	HOMEWORK	TV/ GAMING/ SOCIAL MEDIA	HOMEWORK	TV/ GAMING/ SOCIAL MEDIA	HOMEWORK	10AM- 11AM	REVISION - ENGLISH	REVISION - SCIENCE
5PM- 6PM	DINNER	DINNER	DINNER	DINNER	DINNER	11AM- 1PM	SEEING FRIENDS/ LUNCH	SPORT/ LUNCH
6PM- 7PM	REVISION - GEOGRAPHY	HOMEWORK	REVISION - HISTORY	REVISION - FRENCH	REVISION - SCIENCE	1PM- 3PM	REVISION - MATHS	REVISION - FLASH CARDS
7PM- 8PM	REVISION - MATHS	REVISION - ENGLISH	FREE TIME	HOMEWORK	FREE TIME	3PM- 5PM	OUT WITH FAMILY	SPORT/ TV/ GAMING
8PM- 9PM	FREE TIME/ SHOWER	FREE TIME/ SHOWER	FREE TIME/ SHOWER	FREE TIME/ SHOWER	FREE TIME/ SHOWER	6PM- 8PM	DINNER/ FREE TIME	DINNER/ FREE TIME

Then...

- Break the subjects down – use the PPE booklet to help
- Look at the rank order and prioritise- If your child says to you, "I'm doing Maths for 40 minutes and then half an hour of Spanish", alarm bells should go off in your head. It means your child has not broken the subject down into key areas to tackle their work in an organised manner; e.g. "I'm doing algebra and irregular verbs." They should have a list of topics, but if not, a list is provided in the PPE Preparation booklet.
- Allocate time slots – allow for breaks. Eating, sleeping, exercising and relaxing.
- Be realistic- For example: Don't plan maths revision for 12 hours solid on a Saturday, because it won't happen. Break the day up into manageable pieces. Remember, sessions should only be for 30 - 40 minutes with 10 minute breaks
- Eliminate distractions- Revising whilst at the same time checking social media, texting, instant messaging or watching video clips are not compatible activities. When revising, your child needs to find a way of avoiding constantly checking their phone.
- Be flexible – priorities can change
- Get support – family, friends, in class

Strategies...

- Create a Mind-map
- Make a chart to fit the information
- Make key words Post-It Notes
- Make up tests to try later
- Make your own flash cards - questions one side/answers on the back
- Use different colours to represent different things
- Use Mnemonics for difficult spellings/sequences (e.g. Richard Of York Gave Battle In Vain - colours of rainbow)
- Make a timeline
- Use pictures to represent key ideas
- List two sides of an argument
- Identify similarities/differences
- Create a dictionary for each subject
- Make up cartoons

It's these activities that make the information stick...

- ✓ Re-create a mind map from memory, check what is missing and repeat
- ✓ Ask someone to ask you the questions from the flash cards (the answers are on the back so this can be someone who isn't an expert)
- ✓ Read the answer from the flash card and guess the question
- ✓ Answer past questions (if available use the mark schemes to check your answer)
- ✓ Create questions to pass to your friends, they do the same and then swap back and mark them.
- ✓ Place keywords posters and post-it notes around your room / places where you spend a lot of time so you are constantly seeing them
- ✓ Remember the spelling strategy of look, cover, write, check? You can use this same strategy for revision – read the notes, hide them away, write what you can remember and then check to see what has been missed.
- ✓ Transform your notes- so you made a mind-map, now change this into pictures, now change it into a table, not break it down into bullet points, now explain it verbally to someone. This “use” of the material will help make it stick.

And finally –

Contingency day – 25th June 2025

This is the day all the awarding bodies have put aside in case an exam cannot be sat or is severely disrupted because of a major emergency

Results day
Thursday 21ST
August

- English – Room 2
 - Maths – Room 3
 - RE - Room 4
 - Science – Room 5
- Approx. 10 minutes in each session
Please go to the room number on the cards