

Year 11

Transition to Exam School

Wednesday 18th May 2022



Dear Parents, Carers and Students

This final year of school for our Year 11 students has been a successful year, and we have seen a return to the normal way of working. The last two years was not what we would have ever predicted when they started with us at the Marches School back in Year 7. We recognise that this has been a challenging time for our students and families - students have demonstrated enormous resilience, flexibility, and dedication to their studies and they have remained focused and worked with maturity and real purpose, we are proud of them.

On Wednesday 18th May, we will transition to Exam School. Students will follow a different timetable, details of which are included in this document. The aim of Exam School is to maximise the time students have with subject specialists in the run up to the exams, for example, if they have a Science exam in the afternoon then they would be spending period 3 and 4 that day with a subject specialist. During Exam School, the same high standards of behaviour are expected and students are required to wear their school uniform. The frequently asked questions section below will provide further details.

We acknowledge that exam time can be as stressful for parents, as it is for students, the following links have some tips and advice to help support young people through the exam period.

<https://www.nhs.uk/mental-health/children-and-young-adults/advice-for-parents/help-your-child-beat-exam-stress/>

<https://thespark.org.uk/tips-for-parents-during-exams/>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact:

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We wish all our students the very best for the upcoming examinations and will look forward to celebrating with them on GCSE Results Day.

Yours sincerely

The Marches School

Frequently Asked Questions about Exam School (FAQs)

1) Do I need to attend AM form time or Reading time?

From Wednesday the 18th May onwards, there will be no AM or Reading Time form groups. Registers will be taken at the subject revision sessions on lined paper and handed into the Attendance Officer. If you arrive at school on a bus and are therefore on site at 8:30am, you can go to the Year 11 zone or library to wait.

2) Do I need to be in school if I don't do the subject on the revision timetable and I do not have an exam at that time?

No – however you are very welcome to do your independent revision in the library at school. This would also be a useful space if you have a gap between revision sessions. If you do leave site, then you will need to sign out on the desk by the Attendance Office.

3) Where do I go at social time if I'm in school?

You would go to the Year 11 zone as normal. If you would like to buy food at break time, then you can use the Year 9 station by Science.

4) Do I need to wear School Uniform?

Yes – all school uniform rules apply as normal.

5) Am I free to leave site at social times?

Yes, you can. If you wish to stay on site, then food can be purchased in the canteen as normal at lunchtime.

6) Is it compulsory to attend the revision sessions?

Yes – these will be valuable sessions with subject specialists prior to the exams.

7) If I do not have a revision session until period 2 when do I need to be on site?

You would need to arrive just before period 2, but remember the library is available should you wish to come early to revise in school.

Week 1 (16th May – 20th May)

Exam Week 1 (week A)	May	Mon 16th		Tue 17th		Wed 18th		Thur 19th		Fri 20th	
		Revision Lessons	Rooms	Revision Lessons	Rooms	Revision Lessons	Rooms	Revision Lessons	Rooms	Revision Lessons	Rooms
	Breakfast 8am-9am			Science Revision	Science classrooms	Eng Language revision	E5, E6, E1, E2, E3, E8, AW3, E10	History revision	H1, H2, H3, H5	Maths revision	M1-M10, S12
	Period 1	Normal lessons	Normal classroom	Science Exam	Exam Venue	Eng Language Exam	Exam Venue	Maths Session or History Exam	M1-M10, S12	Maths Exam	Exam Venue
	Period 2	Normal lessons	Normal classroom	Science Exam	Exam Venue	Eng Language Exam	Exam Venue	Maths or History Exam	M1-M10, S12	Maths Exam	Exam Venue
	Period 3	Computer Science or Science		X -Eng Language session Y - Normal lessons	E6, E5, E1, E2, E10 or normal classroom	History or German session	H1, H2, H3, H5 L5	Drama or Business Studies GCSE session	PA2 B1 B2	Business GCSE session	B1 B2
	Period 4	Computer Science or Science		Y -Eng Language session X - Normal lessons	E6, E5, E1, E2, E10 or normal classroom	History or German session	H1, H2, H3, H5 L6	Drama or Business Studies GCSE session	PA2 B1 B3	Business GCSE session	B1 B2
	Period 5	Normal lessons	Normal classroom	Assembly Transision to Exam School		German Exam or Normal timetable Lessons	Normal Classroom	Drama Exam or Maths session	M1-M10, S12	Business Exam or Geography session	H7, H4, H8, H10
	Afterschool 3-4pm					Drama session	PA2	Maths session	M1-M10, S12	Geography session	H7, H4, H8, H11

Week 2 (23rd May – 27th May)

PE will run Tuesday period 5 – open to anyone who is not in a revision session and would like to join in a fun session of exercise. Go along to the field to join in.

	May	Mon 23rd		Tue 24th		Wed 25th		Thur 26th		Fri 27th	
		Revision Lessons	Rooms	Revision Lessons	Rooms	Revision Lessons	Rooms	Revision Lessons	Rooms	Revision Lessons	Rooms
Exam Week 2 (week B)	Breakfast 8am-9am	Geography	H7, H9, H10, H4					Spanish	L1 L2	Science	Science classrooms
	Period 1	Geography Exam		Media Session or normal timetable lesson	E9 or normal classroom	Normal timetable lesson X- Maths Y- English	Normal Classroom	Spanish Exam or Y- Science session	S3 S9 S2 S5	Science Exam	
	Period 2	Geography Exam		Media Session or normal timetable lesson	E9 or normal classroom	Normal timetable lesson X- English Y- Maths	Normal Classroom	Spanish Exam or Y- Science session	S3 S9 S2 S6	Science Exam	
	Period 3	French session	L3,4,6	French, PE or Sports Studies sessions	L3,4,6 B1 B2	Media or Spanish session	E9 L1 L2	X - Science session	S10 S2 S5 S6 S3	Computer Science Session	IC12
	Period 4	French session	L3,4,6	French, PE or Sports Studies sessions	L3,4,6 B1 B3	Media or Spanish session	E9 L1 L3	X - Science session	S10 S2 S5 S6 S4	Computer Science Session	IC12
	Period 5	PE and Sports Studies Session	IC14	French PE Sports Exams	Exam venue	Media Exam Spanish session	L1 L2	Computer Science Session	IC12	German	L5
	Afterschool 3-4pm	PE and Sports Studies Session	IC14			Spanish Session	L1 L2	Computer Science Session	IC12	German	L5

Week 3 (6th June – 10th June)

PE will run Tuesday period 5 – open to anyone who is not in a revision session and would like to join in a fun session of exercise. Go along to the field to join in.

Exam Week 3 (week A)	June	Mon 6th June		Tue 7th June		Wed 8th June		Thur 9th June		Fri 10th June	
		Revision Lessons	Rooms	Revision Lessons	Rooms	Revision Lessons	Rooms	Revision Lessons	Rooms	Revision Lessons	Rooms
	Breakfast 8am-9am	German session	L5	Maths session	M1-M10, S12			History session	H1 H2 H3 H5	Englsh session	E5, E6, E1, E2, E3, E8, AW3, E10
	Period 1	Maths session	M1-M10, S12	Maths Exam		Normal timetable lesson X- English Y- Science	Normal classroom	History Exam or X- Maths session	M1-M10, S12	Science Exam	
	Period 2	Maths session	M1-M10, S12	Maths Exam		X - Science session Y- English session	S6 S5 S3 S2 S10 E1 AW3 E3 E8	History Exam or Y- Maths session	M1-M10, S12	Science Exam	
	Period 3	X- Geography session	H7 H9 H10 H4	X - Geography session	H7 H8 H10 H4	History Session	H1 H2 H3 H5	Science Session	Science classrooms	PE Session	B1
	Period 4	X- Geography session	H7 H9 H10 H5	y - Geography session	H7 H8 H10 H4	History Session	H1 H2 H3 H6	Science Session	Science classrooms	PE Session	B1
	Period 5	German Exam Y- Geography session	H7 H9 H10	Geography Exam		Normal timetable lessons (Option subjects)	Normal classroom	Science Exam		Maths session	M1-M10, S12
	Afterschool 3-4pm	Y - Geography session	H7 H9 H10							Maths session	M1-M10, S12

Week 4 (13th June – 17th June)

Exam Week 4 (week B)	June	Mon 13th June		Tue 14th June		Wed 15th June		Thur 16th June		Fri 17th June	
		Revision Lessons	Rooms	Revision Lessons	Rooms	Revision Lessons	Rooms	Revision Lessons	Rooms	Revision Lessons	Rooms
	Breakfast 8am-9am	Maths session	M1-M10, S12	Geography Session	H4 H7 H9 H10	Science session	Science classrooms	Retail Business	IC14 IC15	Spanish session	L1 L2
	Period 1	Maths Exam		Geography Exam		Science Exam		Retail Business Exam		Spanish Exam or Y- Science session	S2 S3 S5 S9
	Period 2	Maths Exam		Geography Exam		Science Exam		Retail Business Exam		Spanish Exam or Y- Science session	S2 S3 S5 S10
	Period 3	Business GCSE session or Imedia session	B1 B2 IC11	Media session	E9	Res Mats session	CA3	French session Spanish Session	L1 L2 L3 L4 L6	X- Science session	S2 S3 S5 S6 S10
	Period 4	Business GCSE session or Imedia session	B1 B2 IC11	Media session	E9	Res Mats session	CA3	French session Spanish Session	L1 L2 L3 L4 L7	X- Science session	S2 S3 S5 S6 S11
	Period 5	Business Exam Imedia Exam or Geography session	H4 H7 H9 H10	Media Exam or Science session	Science classrooms	Res Mats Exam or Retail Business session	B1 B2	French Exam or Spanish Session	L1 L2		
	Afterschool 3-4pm	Geography session	H4 H7 H9 H10	Science session	Science classrooms	Retail Business	B1 B2	Spanish Session	L1 L2		

