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Dear parent/carer,

Year 11 GCSE Exams

Firstly, I would like to congratulate Year 11 on their application towards their studies over the last few months and there is a positive feeling that Year 11 are now well placed to succeed in their summer examinations. May I also thank you as parents and carers for your ongoing support over the last 5 years in terms of supporting your child's education with us.

The exam period is extremely busy, and will no doubt bring some stress, worry and anxiety however it is important to remember that stress isn't always a bad thing and can in fact be a positive motivator and give students the 'get up and go' that they need to succeed. What is important though is that students learn to manage stress and have good healthy exam habits over the exam period to ensure they can achieve the best they can. We hope half term allows our students to take some time to reset, rest up and continue with a final push in the final 2 weeks of the exam period.

Listed below are some proven ideas that students can use to ensure they develop good habits:

- Know your exam timetable and what exams you have each day
- Getting a full night's sleep and getting up in plenty of time to avoid any rushing
- Eating regular balanced meals
- Taking regular breaks
- Taking time for yourself and relaxing
- Exercising
- Being resilient – Even if an exam didn't go as well as hoped for, it doesn't mean this will be the same for the next one. Turn your focus to your next exam and don't worry about previous exams.

Can I remind all students that these exams are public examinations and cannot be rescheduled or sat on a different day and students must attend any exams on this day without fail. Attendance is compulsory for all students during the exam period.

Please ensure that when your child has a morning exam, they arrive in school in plentiful time to ensure that they are relaxed as much as possible and not stressing about being at the last minute for their exams. Pupils will wait in Cafe Mojo where Heads of Department

will be around on the morning or afternoon of exams to provide last minute revision tips and support, to alleviate any stress or anxiety.

Period 6

From Monday 1st June, there will be some changes to period 6. Below are the sessions which are compulsory - this has been shared with pupils already.

Monday 1st June	English
Tuesday 2nd June	All pupils attend Maths P5&6
Wednesday 3rd June	<i>Optional</i>

Monday 8th June	<i>Optional</i>
Tuesday 9th June	All pupils attend Maths P5&6
Wednesday 10th June	<i>Optional</i>

Leavers Assembly

We have arranged a Leavers' Assembly to celebrate your son/daughter's five years at Co-op Academy Failsworth which will be held on Wednesday 17th June 2026.

Our leavers' celebration will include an opportunity for shirt signing (bring a spare shirt for this) as well as the distribution of yearbooks, and a farewell assembly. Pupils should arrive at the West End Doors (Sports Centre end) at 9:00am.

The Leavers Assembly will run from 9:30 a.m. for approximately 45 minutes and then students will be dismissed and will be able to leave the site. We trust that pupils will make their way straight home upholding our usual high standards that are expected.

Year 11 Prom

The date of the Prom is Thursday 18th June 2026. It will be held at Hotel Football with a 6.30pm arrival time. We are currently finalising who is eligible to attend based on prom points. The list of those who are able to attend will be communicated to parents and pupils after the May half term break. The price of the tickets will be £40. Just a reminder that even after eligibility criteria and invites have been sent we will reserve the right to withdraw an invite if conduct leading up to the prom warrants this.

GCSE Results Day – Thursday 20th August 2026

GCSE results should be collected from the Academy on Thursday 20th August 2026 from 9.30am onwards. Pupils should arrive via the East End doors (Normal pupil entrance). There will be staff present on the day to direct pupils to their collection point.

If students have queries over results, need support or careers guidance - we will have a number of colleagues available to direct pupils to the best source of advice.

To support the quick collection of results by pupils, we will request that parents/carers do not come onto the school site. Where parents/carers are accompanying students to collect results, we would ask that they wait for them away from the main doors of the school.

Pupils must collect their results in person. However, if they would like us to give their results to a parent or other family member, the pupil must give them a signed letter giving their permission. The collecting adult will also need to present some form of identification such as a driving licence or passport which matches the name on the letter.

I would like to take the opportunity to wish all of our students the very best for the exam season, and thank parents/carers for their ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,



Miss R Shaw
Headteacher