



ARCHBISHOP ILSLEY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

"Let Your Light Shine"

Victoria Road, Acocks Green, Birmingham, B27 7XY

Tel: 0121 706 4200
Email: enquiry@ilsley.bham.sch.uk
Website: www.ilsley.bham.sch.uk
Headteacher: Mr Ciaran Clinton



2nd May 2024

Dear parents/carers of Year 11 pupils

Plans for Year 11 during their final GCSE exams

Firstly, may we congratulate Year 11 pupils on their behaviour and focus as they commence the GCSE exam season. We hope the revision is going well.

The exam period can be a stressful time. You may find the following websites useful when offering support to your child:

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

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coping-with-exam-pressure-a-guide-for-students/coping-with-exam-pressure-a-guide-for-students>

https://www.studentminds.org.uk/examstress.html?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

This letter outlines the arrangements for Year 11 pupils in the GCSE exams and when they need to be in school.

Tuesday 7th May – exams begin

Exams commence from Tuesday 7th May. Please be aware of the following:

- Pupils must attend school every day, up until half term, and as usual, arrive at 8.40am.
- All pupils must wear full school uniform, including shoes, when in school.
- Each morning, pupils will either be sitting their exam, attending lessons or receiving booster sessions. Pupils with an afternoon exam will have an early lunch.
- From Thursday 9th May, pupils may receive a free breakfast from 8:00am in the canteen
- All pupils must wear full school uniform when in school
- All pupils arrive in school at **8:40am** and line for 8:45am to enter the exam.
- For afternoon exams, pupils will have an early lunch and must be lined up at **12:45pm**
- Pupils will remain on site for the whole day and will not be allowed to leave until the end of their final exam or booster.

Sixth Form Transition Days

If your child has applied to our Sixth Form and had an interview, they will have received their offer letter. All places and entry onto Level 3 courses are dependent upon pupils meeting the entry criteria and achieving 5 Grade 5 passes or above. Subject entry criteria was discussed at the interview stage, however, you can also look at individual subject requirements online at <https://www.ilsley.bham.sch.uk/sixth-form/apply-now/>

Please note that all courses are offered subject to educational and financial viability and these could change up until the start of the new academic year in September 2024.



ARCHBISHOP ILSLEY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

"Let Your Light Shine"

Victoria Road, Acocks Green, Birmingham, B27 7XY

Tel: 0121 706 4200
Email: enquiry@ilsley.bham.sch.uk
Website: www.ilsley.bham.sch.uk
Headteacher: Mr Ciaran Clinton



Next steps for pupils joining our Sixth Form are as follows:

1. You respond to your offer letter by completing the slip and handing it into the Sixth Form office no later than **Monday 20th May 2024**.
2. Pupils attend our Sixth Form Induction Days and Masterclass Sessions on **Monday 24th June and Tuesday 25th June 2024 from 9:00am to 3:00pm**. Pupils can wear their own clothes on these days but are reminded to wear appropriate clothing.
3. **Enroll with us on GCSE Results Day on Thursday 22nd August from 9:00am – 12:30pm in the main Hall**

Thursday 23rd May – Shirt signing period 5

Pupils will have the opportunity to sign each other's shirts and enjoy an assembly celebrating their time at Archbishop Ilesley. The signing of shirts will not be allowed at any other time.

Friday 24th May – Celebration Mass

Celebration Mass will take place on Friday 24th May. Pupils will meet staff at Holy Souls Church at 12:30pm for a prompt 12:45pm start. Pupils can wear their own clothes, dressing appropriately for Mass (no crop tops or short cycle shorts). After mass, pupils will leave Church and walk to the Holy Souls Social Club for their Leavers' Assembly. After the celebration, pupils are free to leave and make their own way home at 2:30pm. Please note, to attend the Leavers' Assembly, pupils must attend Mass beforehand. If your child has the French exam on the morning, they are to attend school at the normal time and can make their own way to the Leavers' Mass when their exam has finished.

Half term begins on 24th May. Pupils return on Monday 3rd June

After half term, from Monday 3rd June, timetabled lessons will no longer continue. Pupils must attend school for their exam and the scheduled booster session. If pupils are not attending a booster session, but have an afternoon exam, they must arrive via main reception on Victoria Road at 12:35pm.

The Prom – Monday 1st July

The Prom will take place on Monday 1st July at Hogarth's Hotel, Dorridge. Pupils may arrive from 6:00 pm when there will be an opportunity to take photographs outside for pupils only. The event will start at 6:45pm the buffet will open at 7:30pm and the evening will finish at 10:30pm.

The cost is £38 and can be paid via Parentmail by 10th June. The price includes a buffet meal and disco. There will also be an opportunity for pupils to take photos in the photo booth we have booked, which always proves very popular.

Parents/carers will need to arrange for their child's safe journey to and from the venue. Alcohol will obviously not be available at the venue. In the interests of all those attending, any pupil found to be in the possession of, or under the influence of, alcohol will not be admitted to the event. Vaping and smoking are also not permitted. Please note there is a bar where pupils can purchase soft drinks and water will be provided.



ARCHBISHOP ILSLEY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

"Let Your Light Shine"

Victoria Road, Acocks Green, Birmingham, B27 7XY

Tel: 0121 706 4200
Email: enquiry@ilsley.bham.sch.uk
Website: www.ilsley.bham.sch.uk
Headteacher: Mr Ciaran Clinton



We do not recommend that pupils bring high value items such as cameras to the Prom. If they choose to do so, it will be at their own risk.

To ensure the vehicles have space to turn once dropping pupils off and to avoid large numbers crowding around the entrance, the venue asks that parents take photos of their son/daughters before they leave home. There will be an opportunity to take pictures of your child as they arrive, each car takes its turn to drop guests off by the door quick photos can be taken then the procession moves on for the next car to drop off.

We hope this will not cause any inconvenience and trust that parents will co-operate with the guidelines issued by the venue. We are really looking forward to seeing many of our pupils at what promises to be a memorable evening and that they can complete the year in the traditional, celebratory way.

Please refer to this letter and ensure your child makes a record of these arrangements too. On the final page, you will find a summary dates for exams as well as the timings of booster sessions after half term.

Monday 3rd June

- **Exam: Mathematics Paper 2 – 9:00am.** Pupils not studying Spanish or History must leave the school site and return home to revise after their exam
- **Spanish** booster period 2. **History** booster periods 2 and 3. For pupils studying Spanish and History, they should attend **Spanish** period 2 and **History** period 3

Tuesday 4th June

- **Exam: Spanish Listening and Reading – 9:00am**
- **History** booster periods 2 and 3. There will also be a **Geography** booster period 2 and 3. For pupils studying History and Geography, there will be a **Geography** booster after the History exam
- **Exam: History Paper 2 – 1:00pm**

Wednesday 5th June

- **Exam: Geography Paper 2 – 9.00am**
- **English Language** booster periods 2 and 3. Pupils not studying Geography should arrive at main reception at 10:30am and will be directed to their English teacher. All pupils will then go to a **Mathematics** booster period 4. They will receive a predicted paper for the final exam. Pupils will be sent home at 1:40pm

Thursday 6th June

- **Exam: English Language Paper 2 – 9:00am**
- **Business Studies** booster period 3. **RS** booster for selected classes period 3. Pupils not studying Business Studies or selected for RS must leave the school site and return home to revise after their exam
- **Exam: Business Studies – 1:00pm**



ARCHBISHOP ILSLEY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

"Let Your Light Shine"

Victoria Road, Acocks Green, Birmingham, B27 7XY

Tel: 0121 706 4200
Email: enquiry@ilsley.bham.sch.uk
Website: www.ilsley.bham.sch.uk

Headteacher: Mr Ciaran Clinton



Friday 7th June

- **Exam: Religious Studies Paper 3 – 9:00am**
- **Biology** booster period 2 and 3. All pupils must attend a **Mathematics** booster after the Biology exam
- **Exam: Biology Paper 2 – 1:00pm**

Monday 10th June

- **Exam: Mathematics Paper 3 – 9:00am**
- **Creative iMedia/ICT** and **Spanish** booster periods 2 and 3. **Chemistry** booster periods 2 and 3 for those not studying Creative iMedia/ICT or Spanish. **Chemistry** booster after the Creative iMedia/ICT or Spanish for those who had an exam
- **Exam: Creative iMedia/ICT – 1:00pm**
- **Exam: Spanish Writing – 1:00pm**

Tuesday 11th June

- **Exam: Chemistry Paper 2 – 9:00am**
- **History** booster period 2 and 3. Those not studying History must leave the school site and return home to revise after their exam
- **Exam: History Paper 3 – 1:00pm**

Wednesday 12th June

- No exam or booster on this day

Thursday 13th June

- **Physics** booster periods 1 and 2. Pupils should arrive via main reception at 9.05am
- **Geography** booster period 3 and 4

Friday 14th June

- **Exam: Geography Paper 3 – 9:00am**
- **Physics** booster periods 2 and 3 for those who completed the Geography exam
- **Exam: Physics Paper 2 – 1:00pm**

Monday 17th June

- **Exam: Music – 1:00pm**
- **Music** booster period 3. Pupils should arrive at main reception at 11:30am. **DT** and **Hospitality & Catering** booster periods 3 and 4

Tuesday 18th June

- **Exam: Design & Technology – 9:00am**

Wednesday 19th June

- No exam or booster on this day

Thursday 20th June

- **Exam: Hospitality & Catering – 9:00am**



ARCHBISHOP ILSLEY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

"Let Your Light Shine"

Victoria Road, Acocks Green, Birmingham, B27 7XY

Tel: 0121 706 4200
Email: enquiry@ilsley.bham.sch.uk
Website: www.ilsley.bham.sch.uk
Headteacher: Mr Ciaran Clinton



Thursday 22nd August

- Results Day – result available from 9:00am
- Enrolment for sixth form

Thank you for all your support, not just during this examination period, but also for the duration of time your child has spent at Archbishop Ilesley Catholic School. We look forward to some very positive results on GCSE results day.

Yours faithfully

Mr Clinton
Head Teacher

Mrs Burnham
Assistant Head Teacher
& Head of Year 11

Mr McDonald
Assistant Head Teacher



ARCHBISHOP ILSLEY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

"Let Your Light Shine"

Victoria Road, Acocks Green, Birmingham, B27 7XY

Tel: 0121 706 4200
Email: enquiry@ilsley.bham.sch.uk
Website: www.ilsley.bham.sch.uk

Headteacher: Mr Ciaran Clinton



GCSE Exam Schedule 2024

Date	Morning Exam	Afternoon Exam
Tues 7th May	Exam: Health & Social Care (2hrs)	
Thurs 9th May	Exam: RS Paper 1 (1hr30)	
Fri 10th May	Exam: Biology Paper 1 (1hr15/1hr45)	
Mon 13th May	Exam: English Literature Paper 1 (1hr45)	Exam: Media Studies Paper 1 (1hr30)
Tues 14th May	Exam: French L & R (1hr20/1hr45)	
Weds 15th May	Exam: History Paper 1 (1hr15)	Exam: Computer Science 1 (1hr45)
Thurs 16th May	Exam: Mathematics Paper 1 (1hr30)	Exam: RS Paper 2 (1hr30)
Fri 17th May	Exam: Chemistry Paper 1 (1hr15/1hr45)	Exam: Geography Paper 1 (1hr30)
Mon 20th May	Exam: English Literature Paper 2 (2hr15)	Exam: Media Studies Paper 2 (1hr30) Exam: CNAT Sports Science (1hr15)
Tues 21st May		Exam: Computer Science 2 (2hrs)
Weds 22nd May	Exam: Physics Paper 1 (1hr15/1hr45)	
Thurs 23rd May	Exam: English Language Paper 1 (1hr45)	
Fri 24th May	Exam: French Writing (1hr/1hr15)	

HALF TERM

Mon 3rd June	Exam: Mathematics Paper 2 (1hr30)		Spanish booster period 2. History booster periods 2 and 3.
Tues 4th June	Exam: Spanish L & R (1hr20/1hr45)	Exam: History Paper 2 (1hr45)	History and Geography booster periods 2 and 3
Weds 5th June	Exam: Geography Paper 2 (1hr30)		English Language booster period 3. Mathematics booster period 4
Thurs 6th June	Exam: English Language Paper 2 (1hr45)	Exam: Business Studies (1hr30)	Business studies booster period 3. RS booster for selected classes period 3.
Fri 7th June	Exam: RS Paper 3 (1hr)	Exam: Biology Paper 2 (1hr15/1hr45)	Biology booster periods 2 and 3. Mathematics booster immediately after Biology exam
Mon 10th June	Exam: Mathematics Paper 3 (1hr30)	Exam: Creative iMedia (1hr30) Exam: Spanish Writing (1hr/1hr15)	iMedia and Spanish booster periods 2 and 3. Rest of year group go to Chemistry. Chemistry period 5 for iMed/Spanish pupils
Tues 11th June	Exam: Chemistry Paper 2 (1hr15/1hr45)	Exam: History Paper 3 (1hr20)	History booster period 3
Weds 12th June			Art coursework to be mounted in A1
Thurs 13th June			Physics booster periods 1 and 2. Geography booster periods 3 and 4
Fri 14th June	Exam: Geography Paper 3 (1hr30)	Exam: Physics Paper 2 (1hr15/1hr45)	Physics booster period 3
Mon 17th June		Exam: Music (1hr30)	Music booster period 3. DT and Hospitality and Catering booster period 3 and 4
Tues 18th June	Exam: Design & Technology (2hrs)		
Weds 19th June			
Thurs 20th June	Exam: Hospitality & Catering (1hr20)		