

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

### Preparation for GCSE Exams

We are writing to inform you of the arrangements regarding study leave for Pembrokeshire school pupils during their GCSE exams this summer. These arrangements will apply to all Pembrokeshire schools.

GCSE examinations begin on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> of May. This is just over two school weeks before the beginning of Whitsun half term on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

During this two-week period, and when they are not sitting examinations, pupils will continue to attend school where they will receive a series of revision workshops in addition to their timetabled lessons. There will also be targeted revision sessions immediately before exams when this is practicable.

From half term onwards, beginning Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June, and with the exception of some targeted revision days, students will be allowed to work from home between exams.

In order to support them with their preparation, including strategies for effective revision, pupils may wish to visit the 'power-up' webpage on the Welsh government website: <https://www.gov.wales/power-up-wales>.

We would also like to inform you that **the awarding bodies have designated Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2026 as a 'contingency sessions – morning and afternoon' for examinations.**

The designation of a 'contingency day' within the common examination timetable is in the event of national or significant local disruption to examinations in the United Kingdom. **Candidates must remain available until Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2026 should an awarding body need to invoke its contingency plan.**

Thank you for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely,

Headteacher

