

May 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

I would like to extend my thanks for your continued support in ensuring that all Year 11 students are present in school and focused during this crucial examination period. Your efforts are appreciated, and we cannot overstate the importance of your child achieving 100% attendance at school during this period.

As you are aware, external examinations are governed by national regulations and students are required to attend all scheduled exams as outlined by the exam boards. These assessments play a vital role in shaping students' future opportunities, and every exam counts towards their overall grades.

We understand that Eid will fall on Friday 6 June 2025. On this date, we are scheduled to have a GCSE English exam taking place in the morning and a GCSE geography exam in the afternoon. We recognise and respect the importance of this special celebration for many of our families. However, while we encourage students to observe and enjoy Eid, we must also inform you that examining boards have made no provision for Eid in the exam calendar and if an exam is scheduled on the same day as Eid, your child's attendance at attendance remains mandatory. Exam boards do not offer special consideration or alternative arrangements for absence due to religious holidays. Missing an exam will result in a score of zero for that paper, which will significantly impact your child's final grade and overall academic achievement.

We understand the importance of balancing faith and education, and we appreciate your support in ensuring that your child can fulfil their exam obligations while observing Eid in a meaningful way outside of scheduled assessments. In order to recognise this, we will allow those students who celebrate Eid to go home after their morning examination, if they do not study GCSE geography (for which an exam is scheduled in the afternoon). If your child is studying geography, they will need to remain in school for revision and to sit the paper.

Should you have any concerns or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us by emailing info@appletonacademy.co.uk.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rachel R Garlick".

Mrs R Garlick
Head of Secondary