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31 March 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

RE: TEMPORARY CHANGE OF SCHOOL DAY – DUE TO GCSE EXAMINATIONS

I am writing to update you on the exciting things happening at The Gateway Academy, as well as to inform you of a slight adjustment to the school day during the upcoming GCSE examinations.

During the Spring Term, our Academy has been buzzing with activity, offering over 40 extracurricular clubs ranging from Debate Club to Chess Club. The students have enthusiastically embraced these opportunities, with over 20,000 extracurricular engagements across all year groups. Additionally, we are proud to share that 40 students took part in the MENSA test, with five successfully meeting the benchmark for acceptance into Mensa. Our students have also enjoyed numerous educational trips to prestigious institutions like the Universities of Cambridge and Oxford, as well as exciting excursions to Barcelona, The Royal Opera House in Convent Garden, The Royal Observatory in Greenwich and a Move It Dance Convention in the Docklands, to name but a few. On the sports front, our teams have achieved notable success, with our Year 9s reaching the Essex Boys Basketball final and narrowly missing out on the title by 3 points.

As we approach May, our Year 11 students will embark on their GCSE Examinations. Their hard work throughout the year deserves every chance for success. We are, therefore, implementing a **temporary** adjustment to the school day to accommodate the afternoon exams starting at 1:00 pm. The start and end times of the Academy Day will remain unchanged. Lunch will temporarily move to 12.15 pm – 12.45 pm, with Period 5 starting at 12.45 pm. Please refer to the schedule overleaf for the new timings. This temporary change will be effective from **Tuesday 06 May until Friday 13 June 2025**, after which the school day will revert to its normal schedule with effect from **Monday 16 June 2025**.

If you have any questions regarding this adjustment, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Progress Leader or Lead Coach.

Thank you for your ongoing support and involvement in our school community. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely

Mr J Bonnett

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The GLC is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff, volunteers and visitors to share this commitment.



THE GATEWAY ACADEMY TEMPORARY TIMINGS OF THE SCHOOL

DAY 2024 – 2025

Tuesday 06 May – Friday 13 June 2025

	YEARS 7 – 11
08.15	Period 1
08.45	Period 2
09.45	Period 3
10.45 – 11.15	Break
11.15	Period 4
12.15 – 12.45	Lunch
12.45	Period 5
13.45	Period 6
14.45	Year 7 & Year 8 Dismissal
14.50	Year 9, Year 10 and Year 11 Dismissal