

Dear Parent/Carer,

End of Year Examinations and Updated Assessment Calendar

Following feedback from previous years, we have reviewed and adapted our assessment calendar for students in Year 10 and the forthcoming Year 11, in order to better support students and provide clearer evidence for post-16 applications.

Updated Assessment Structure

From this academic year onwards, students will complete a mock examination window in Year 10 (June 2026). This will include:

- written examinations in exam-based subjects,
- structured coursework sessions where students complete assessed exam elements of their courses, and
- speaking examinations for language subjects (for example, Spanish).

There will then be one formal mock examination window in January of Year 11.

The outcomes from the Year 10 mock examinations will be used to generate predicted grades for college and sixth-form applications submitted during the Autumn term of Year 11. Where appropriate, these predicted grades may be reviewed and updated following the January mock results.

We believe this revised approach offers a more balanced assessment programme, giving students additional time to complete their studies and revise thoroughly ahead of the summer examinations, while ensuring predicted grades are based on secure and meaningful evidence.

End of Year Examinations

Your child will be taking their End of Year Examinations next half term, taking place over several weeks. Full details, including dates and times, are provided in this letter.

Most students will sit their examinations in the hall. Alternative arrangements will be made for students who require specific access arrangements, and these will be communicated directly.

All students will receive an exam timetable, along with the exam rules and regulations. All details are also shared on the school website: [Exams | Stamford Welland Academy](#) We ask for your support in ensuring your child reviews these carefully.

Students are expected to attend school as normal, wearing full school uniform, and will follow their normal timetable when not in an examination. Exam outcomes will be included in the end-of-year report.

If you have any questions regarding exam content, please contact your child's tutor. For queries about the examination process, please contact the school.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Hayley Twigger
Assistant Principal

Timetable for Y10 Exams (June 2026)

Week A	Monday 15th June	Tuesday 16th June	Wednesday 17th June	Thursday 18th June	Friday 19th June
9:00 AM	Design & Technology Coursework session - Rm 1	Health & Social Care Coursework session (10B) - Rm 20	Maths Paper 1 1hr 30	Spanish Speaking Times tbc by class teacher	Creative iMedia Coursework session - Rm 11
1:00 PM	Health & Social Care Coursework session (10D) - Rm 20	Photoshop Exam (10B) - Rm 2	Food (online) - Rms 1, 2 & 7 1hr 20		

Week B	Monday 22nd June	Tuesday 23rd June	Wednesday 24th June	Thursday 25th June	Friday 26th June
9:00 AM	English Language Paper 2 1hr 45	Geography Paper 1 1hr 30	Maths Paper 2 1hr 30	English Literature Paper 1 1hr 45	Entreprise & Marketing 1hr 30
1:00 PM	Health & Social Care 1hr 30	Biology Paper 1 1hr 15	Spanish Writing 1hr	Physics Paper 1 1hr 15	History (Elizabeth) 1hr

Week A	Monday 29th June	Tuesday 30th June	Wednesday 1st July	Thursday 2nd July	Friday 3rd July
9:00 AM	Design & Technology 2hrs	Spanish Listening - 1hr Spanish Reading - 1hr	Maths Paper 3 1hr 30	Art Exam	Art Exam
1:00 PM	History (Medicine) 1hr 30	Chemistry Paper 1 1hr 15	Creative iMedia 1hr 30		

Week B	Monday 6th July	Tuesday 7th July	Wednesday 8th July	Thursday 9th July	Friday 10th July
9:00 AM	WORK EXPERIENCE				
1:00 PM					

	Practical Exam
	Coursework Session
	English Exams
	Science Exams
	Maths Exams
	Other subjects
	Speaking exams

Exam Conduct and Regulations Information:

Organising yourself for exam days:

- Make sure that you know exactly when your exams are, especially whether they are in the morning or afternoon. All dates and times can be found on your Examination Timetable.
- Make sure you have everything you need the night before – books you are allowed to take in, equipment including a calculator.
- Be fresh, get up in good time, shower and EAT breakfast. This will help kick start your brain as it uses huge amounts of glucose in exams. Students who eat breakfast perform better in GCSEs.
- Please ensure you allow enough time to get to school so if you are delayed for any reason e.g. traffic, you will still arrive in good time.
- Leave yourself time to go to the toilet before the exam.
- Have water ready for the exam – don't dehydrate and lose concentration.
- Prepare equipment ready for the exams, including a spare of each item. You need to make sure that you bring ALL relevant items for each exam, e.g. a calculator. Please make sure you also bring pens, pencils, eraser, ruler and a sharpener in a clear pencil case or plastic bag.

Examination Advice:

- Being nervous is normal and gives your brain extra adrenalin to help you make a final effort.
- Listen to the invigilator for any last-minute instructions.
- Read the instructions and then read through the paper – don't pick up your pen until you have done this.
- As you read, mark off questions you can do, and then choose the best ones for you – check that you have chosen the right number of questions.
- Spend the first couple of minutes writing down key formula or facts you are going to need so you don't forget them or leave them out.
- Know how many marks each section or question is worth and how you should split your time. If you run out of time, write in note form to get some facts down but keep to your time limits – you can always come back if you have time at the end.
- If you go blank at any stage leave that question, take a few deep breaths, turn over and do something else you can do. Come back to it and reread it slowly and calmly.

Exam Arrangements & Regulations:

- Be ready to enter the sports hall at the following times:
 - Morning exams: 8:45am
 - Afternoon exams: 12.45pm
- If you miss an exam, we will arrange a time for you to catch this up, so that you can experience all examinations.
- If you are ill and cannot take the exam, you must telephone the school and leave a message in the usual way (e.g. with the House Office).
- You must wait quietly outside the venue, and you will be called in by invigilators to take your seat.
- You must ensure you sit at the correct table.
- Once inside the room, Exam Board rules state that you must be silent. If there is any communication between any students, it will be assumed that you are cheating and will be treated accordingly. You must not talk until you leave the exam room.
- We cannot stress enough how important it is not to bring in mobile phones, smart watches or any other electronic devices. Anyone caught with a mobile phone or electronic device whether it is turned off or not will be severely reprimanded, as the Exam Boards would in the GCSE examinations.



- You are allowed to bring a clear bottle of drink into the exam room. However, you are not allowed to bring in the following items:
 - Canned or cartons of drinks
 - Chewing Gum
 - Any other food
- You are not allowed to leave the exam room even if you have finished your exam.
- If you or your parents have any queries regarding your exams, you must forward them to Mrs Twigger.