

Brayton Academy

Year 11 Exam Preparation Evening

23rd April 2026

| Day | Date | Time | Board | Code | Paper | Duration | No of Entries |
|--------|-------------|------|---------|----------|--------------------------------------|----------|---------------|
| Friday | 01 May 2026 | PM | Edexcel | BTT03/01 | BTEC Travel & Tourism Paper (resits) | 2 hours | TBC |
| Friday | 08 May 2026 | AM | AQA | 8192/1 | Sociology Paper 1 | 1h 45m | 54 |
| | | PM | AQA | 8261/W | Drama - written paper | 1h 45m | 10 |
| | | AM | AQA | 8702/1 | English Literature Paper 1 | 1h 45m | 166 |

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| | | PM | Edexcel | 1BS0 01 | Business Paper 1 | 1h 45m | 57 |

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| Tuesday | 19 May 2026 | AM | AQA | 8702/2 | English Literature Paper 2 | 2h 15m | 166 |
| | | PM | OCR | J277/02 | Computer Science Paper 2 | 1h 30m | 27 |
| Wednesday | 20 May 2026 | AM | AQA | 8652/RH & LH | French Reading/Listening Higher | 1h 45m | 49 |
| | | AM | AQA | 8652/RF & LF | French Reading/Listening Foundation | 1h 20m | 81 |
| | | PM | AQA | 8061/2 | Religious Studies Paper 2 | 1h 45m | 14 |
| Thursday | 21 May 2026 | AM | AQA | 8700/1 | English Language Paper 1 | 1h 45m | 167 |
| | | PM | Edexcel | 1BS0 02 | Business Paper 2 | 1h 45m | 57 |
| Friday | 22 May 2026 | AM | OCR | J587/01 | Physical Education Paper 1 | 1 hour | 51 |
| Monday | 01 June 2026 | AM | OCR | J587/02 | Physical Education Paper 2 | 1 hour | 51 |
| Tuesday | 02 June 2026 | AM | AQA | 8463/1H | Physics Paper 1 | 1h 45m | 26 |
| | | | AQA | 8464/P/1H | Trilogy Physics Paper 1 Higher | 1h 15m | 82 |
| | | | AQA | 8464/P/1F | Trilogy Physics Paper 1 Foundation | 1h 15m | 58 |
| | | PM | Edexcel | 1RU0 1H | Russian Reading/Listening Paper Higher | 1h 50m | 1 |
| | | | AQA | 8688/RH 7 LH | Polish Reading/Listening Paper Higher | 1h 45m | 4 |
| | | AQA | 8688/RF & LF | Polish Reading/Listening Paper Foundation | 1h 20m | 4 | |
| Wednesday | 03 June 2026 | AM | Edexcel | 1MA1 2H | Maths Paper 2 Higher | 1h 30m | 92 |
| | | AM | Edexcel | 1MA1 2F | Maths Paper 2 Foundation | 1h 30m | 75 |
| | | PM | AQA | 8035/2 | Geography Paper 2 | 1h 30m | 76 |
| Thursday | 04 June 2026 | AM | AQA | 8145/2 | History Paper 2 | 2 hours | 90 |
| | | PM | AQA | 8652/WH | French Writing Higher | 1h 15m | 49 |
| | | | AQA | 8652/WF | French Writing Foundation | 1 hour | 81 |
| Friday | 05 June 2026 | AM | AQA | 8700/2 | English Language Paper 2 | 1h 45m | 167 |
| | | PM | AQA | 8271/W | Music - Written Paper | 1h 30m | 19 |
| Monday | 08 June 2026 | AM | AQA | 8461/2H | Biology Paper 2 Higher | 1h 45m | 26 |
| | | | AQA | 8464/B/2H | Trilogy Biology Paper 2 Higher | 1h 15m | 82 |
| | | | AQA | 8464/B/2F | Trilogy Biology Paper 2 Foundation | 1h 15m | 58 |
| | | PM | AQA | 8365/1 | Further Maths Paper 1 | 1h 45m | 14 |
| Wednesday | 10 June 2026 | AM | Edexcel | 1MA1 3H | Maths Paper 3 Higher | 1h 30m | 92 |
| | | | Edexcel | 1MA1 3F | Maths Paper 3 Foundation | 1h 30m | 75 |
| | | PM | AQA | 8552/W | Design Technology - written paper | 2 hours | 32 |
| | | Edexcel | 1RU0 4H | Russian Writing Paper Higher | 1h 25m | 1 | |
| Thursday | 11 June 2026 | AM | AQA | 8035/3 | Geography Paper 3 | 1h 30m | 76 |
| | | PM | AQA | 8585/W | Food Preparation and Nutrition - written paper | 1h 45m | 41 |
| Friday | 12 June 2026 | AM | AQA | 8462/2H | Chemistry Paper 2 Higher | 1h 45m | 26 |
| | | | AQA | 8464/C/2H | Trilogy Chemistry Paper 2 Higher | 1h 15m | 82 |
| | | | AQA | 8464/C/2F | Trilogy Chemistry Paper 2 Foundation | 1h 15m | 58 |
| | | PM | AQA | 8688/WH | Polish Writing Higher | 1h 15m | 4 |
| | | | AQA | 8688/WF | Polish Writing Foundation | 1 hour | 4 |
| | | | AQA | 8463/2H | Physics Paper 2 | 1h 45m | 26 |
| | | AQA | 8464/P/2H | Trilogy Physics Paper 2 Higher | 1h 15m | 82 | |

**Please check the timetable carefully.
If you are unsure of anything, please ask.**

MONDAY 15th JUNE !

- AM – Physics
- PM – Further Maths

Exam Boards exam timetable

AQA

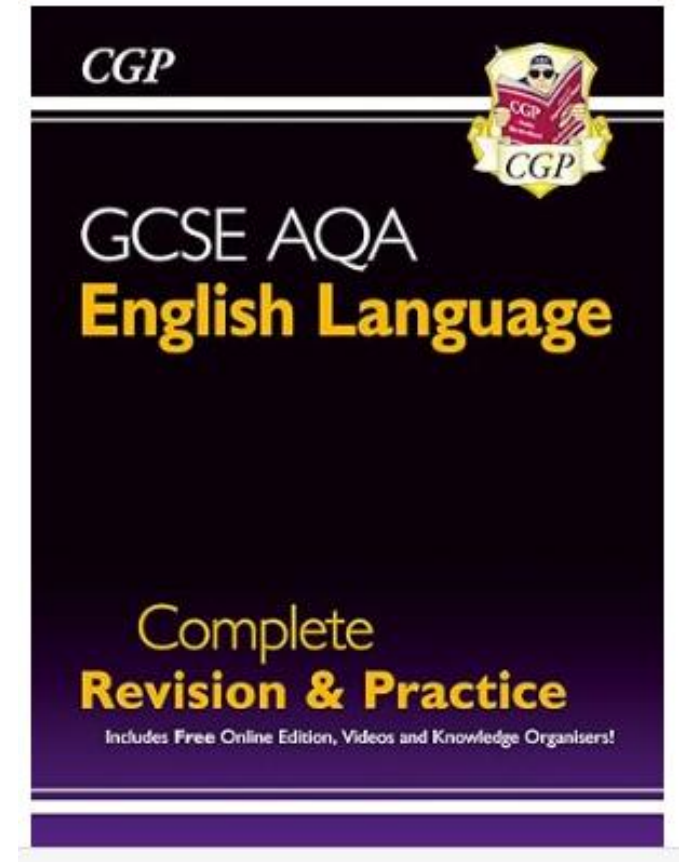
- Art
- D&T
- English
- RE
- Food
- French
- Science
- Music

Edexcel

- Business Studies
- Maths

OCR

- Computer Science
- PE



The Exams

Monday 1st May
to Wednesday
18th June 2026

- Travel and Tourism exam – Friday 1st May 2026
- Contingency days – set by the exam boards. You must be available to sit exams up to and including this date
 - Wednesday 24th June 2026 – all day
- External exam times and dates cannot be changed for any reason.
- If for any reason you cannot attend you must contact school immediately.



NEA DEADLINES
Art and Design – 12th May 2026
DT Food/PD – 25th April

NEAs

- Non-Examination Assessments
- A percentage of the final GCSE in the following subjects:
 - DT Food – 50%
 - DT Materials-50%
 - Art – 100%
- Take place in lessons, often under exam conditions.
- All subjects have started these elements of the course already and students have been working on these over a period of time.
- 100% effort every lesson.
- P7s often used to support these elements



Candidate Exam Timetable

Candidate Information

Date of Birth

Registration Form

11.1

Candidate Number

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Length of the exam

Date

Start / finish time

Location

Seat allocation

Individual student timetable

| Date | Time | End Time | Subject | Examination | Duration | Location | Seat |
|------------------|-------|----------|--|-----------------------------------|----------|-------------|------|
| Mon, 12 Jan 2026 | 09:30 | 11:15 | In House Exam: Mocks: English Literature Paper 1 | Mocks: English Literature Paper 1 | 01:45 | Sports Hall | B3 |
| Mon, 12 Jan 2026 | 13:00 | 14:30 | In House Exam: Mocks: Maths Paper 1F | Mocks: Maths Paper 1F | 01:30 | Sports Hall | A5 |
| Wed, 14 Jan 2026 | 13:00 | 14:45 | In House Exam: Mocks: Food Prep | Mocks: Food Prep | 01:45 | Sports Hall | H7 |
| Fri, 16 Jan 2026 | 09:30 | 10:50 | In House Exam: Mocks: French L&R F | Mocks: French L&R F | 01:20 | Sports Hall | A3 |
| Fri, 16 Jan 2026 | 13:00 | 14:15 | In House Exam: Mocks: Trilogy Biology 1F | Mocks: Trilogy Biology 1F | 01:15 | Sports Hall | A7 |
| Mon, 19 Jan 2026 | 09:30 | 11:45 | In House Exam: Mocks: English Literature Paper 2 | Mocks: English Literature Paper 2 | 02:15 | Sports Hall | B3 |
| Mon, 19 Jan 2026 | 13:00 | 14:30 | In House Exam: Mocks: Maths Paper 2F | Mocks: Maths Paper 2F | 01:30 | Sports Hall | A8 |
| Tue, 20 Jan 2026 | 13:00 | 14:15 | In House Exam: Mocks: Trilogy Chemistry 1F | Mocks: Trilogy Chemistry 1F | 01:15 | Sports Hall | A7 |
| Wed, 21 Jan 2026 | 09:30 | 11:30 | In House Exam: Mocks: History Paper 1 | Mocks: History Paper 1 | 02:00 | Sports Hall | F1 |
| Wed, 21 Jan 2026 | 13:00 | 14:30 | In House Exam: Mocks: Maths Paper 3F | Mocks: Maths Paper 3F | 01:30 | Sports Hall | A8 |
| Thu, 22 Jan 2026 | 09:30 | 10:45 | In House Exam: Mocks: Trilogy Physics 1F | Mocks: Trilogy Physics 1F | 01:15 | Sports Hall | A7 |
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| Fri, 23 Jan 2026 | 09:30 | 11:50 | In House Exam: Mocks: History Paper 2 | Mocks: History Paper 2 | 02:00 | Sports Hall | F1 |
| Fri, 23 Jan 2026 | 13:00 | 14:15 | In House Exam: Mocks: Trilogy Biology 2F | Mocks: Trilogy Biology 2F | 01:15 | Sports Hall | A7 |
| Mon, 26 Jan 2026 | 09:30 | 10:30 | In House Exam: Mocks: French Writing F | Mocks: French Writing F | 01:00 | Sports Hall | A8 |
| Mon, 26 Jan 2026 | 13:00 | 14:15 | In House Exam: Mocks: Trilogy Chemistry 2F | Mocks: Trilogy Chemistry 2F | 01:15 | Sports Hall | A7 |
| Tue, 27 Jan 2026 | 09:30 | 11:15 | In House Exam: Mocks: English Language Paper 2 | Mocks: English Language Paper 2 | 01:45 | Sports Hall | B3 |

- Morning exams 9.30am (after a P1 booster)
- Afternoon exams 1.00pm (after a P4 booster)

Unless it is stated otherwise on your timetable

- On the days where you have an afternoon exam lunch will be 12.15pm – 12.40pm.
- It is important that at 12.40pm when lunch ends you immediately line up outside the exam room.

Please Note:






- Exam durations vary and you may finish after the normal end of school day.
- School buses cannot be held and will always leave at the normal time.
- Please ensure you know what time you will be finishing and you are able to get home from school.

The Exams





Students are responsible for providing their own equipment for all exams. All stationary must be in a transparent pencil case or a see-through clear bag. All students will require the following:

What you will need:

- a clear pencil case 
- at least two black ink pens – blue pens are **not acceptable** 
- an approved calculator for relevant exams 
- appropriate apparatus, such as a ruler or protractor, for relevant exams 
- a clear water bottle if you wish to take one in. It **must not** have a label 

What you cannot take into your exams:

- any type of phone 
- revision notes 
- any type of watch (this includes analogue, digital and smart watches)
- smart devices (e.g. Airbuds, smart glasses or tablets)

Students must not attempt to borrow equipment from another candidate during the exam, as this will be seen as malpractice and could result in you being disqualified.

Exam Procedures - Equipment



Exam Protocols - Malpractice

There are different forms of malpractice (this list isn't exhaustive):

- Communicating with other candidates
- Being in possession of unauthorised material e.g. notes, phone, watch
- Copying from another candidate/submitting work which is not your own
- Knowingly allowing another candidate to copy your work
- Including inappropriate, offensive or obscene material in your work
- Using AI and saying it's your own work

In all cases, Brayton Academy will follow JCQ guidelines on dealing with malpractice and apply sanctions appropriately.

The Academy is duty bound to report all or suspected cases of malpractice in external exams to JCQ and the exam boards.

JCQ and the exam boards will decide what sanctions are applied. In some cases, this could result in disqualification for some or all exams.



How have we been supporting our students?

Period seven

Period Sevens provide targeted, high-impact support for gaps in knowledge and skills. Delivered by subject-specific teaching staff—often the students' own teacher, they combine focused teaching with bespoke activities aligned to identified areas for improvement. Period Seven intervention aims to accelerate progress and build confidence in preparation for upcoming assessments based on individual need.

Mentoring

This intervention places metacognitive research at its core, empowering students to take ownership of their learning by identifying and repairing gaps in knowledge and skills. Facilitated by teaching staff and tutors, progress and understanding are monitored, enabling tutors to provide timely feedback and support on learning mechanisms. By fostering self-awareness and proactive learning habits, this approach enhances academic resilience and maximises attainment.

Exam Preparation Room

“Prep room” is a structured academic intervention designed to support students who may struggle to independently identify, challenge, and repair gaps in their learning. Prep provides a weekly 90-minute session in a calm, supportive environment. Students work under the guidance of a senior member of staff, developing effective study strategies and self-regulation skills.

Exam Preparation Pack

The pack is a structured academic tool designed to support students in confidently sequencing their revision and examination preparation across both mock and GCSE cycles. The pack provides clear, paper specific breakdown of content, enabling learners to understand exactly what is assessed and how to allocate their effort with precision.



Exam preparation and support



Brayton Academy Exam Preparation Pack

(GCSE exams summer 2026)



Exam preparation

Business

Paper 1

- 1.1 Enterprise and entrepreneurship
- 1.2 Spotting a business opportunity
- 1.3 Putting a business idea into practice
- 1.4 Making the business effective
- 1.5 Understanding external influences on business

Paper 2

- 2.1 Growing the business
- 2.2 Making marketing decisions
- 2.3 Making operational decisions
- 2.4 Making financial decisions
- 2.5 Making human resource decisions

Revision Links

- [Seneca](#)
- [Businessed](#)
- [Erevision](#)
- [Business Edexcel - BBC](#)

English Literature

Paper 1

Romeo and Juliet
A Christmas Carol

You need to revise quotations and plot. Questions might be about a character or a theme.

There will be an extract.

Paper 2

An Inspector Calls
Anthology – Power and Conflict
Unseen poetry

You need to revise quotations and plot. Questions might be about a character or a theme.

There will NOT be an extract.

Revision Links

- Revise characters, themes and essay skills
- [AQA | English | GCSE | GCSE English Literature](#)
 - [Revision resources for GCSE English literature AQA Edexcel exams 2025 - BBC Bitesize](#)
 - [Mr Bruff - YouTube](#)
 - [Miss Tomaz mega revision channel | Anthology | Microsoft Teams](#)
 - [AQA GCSE \(9-1\) English Revision - PMT](#)

How do I know what to revise?



Planning and Timetabling

Spacing

| | | | | | | |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| M | T | W | T | F | S | S |
| 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | Relax! | 30 |
| 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | | 30 |

Interleaving

| | | | | |
|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| M | T | W | T | F |
| ENGLISH | GEOGRAPHY | MATHS | SCIENCE | FRENCH |
| MATHS | FRENCH | SCIENCE | GEOGRAPHY | ENGLISH |
| SCIENCE | ENGLISH | FRENCH | MATHS | GEOGRAPHY |

- Have a really clear idea of what revision you are completing and what topic you are concentrating on.
- Think carefully about what exams are first and then work backwards.
- Build in breaks

Creating a timetable

Name: _____ Revision Weekly Planner – Week commencing: _____

| | | 9am – 5pm | Twilight – 5pm – 7pm | Evening – 7pm – 9.30pm |
|-----------|--------|-----------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Monday | | | | |
| Tuesday | | | | |
| Wednesday | School | | | |
| Thursday | School | | Rugby | |
| Friday | School | | | |
| Saturday | | | X | X |
| Sunday | Rugby | | | |

1. Add in your current commitments

2. Add in your exams

3. Work backwards



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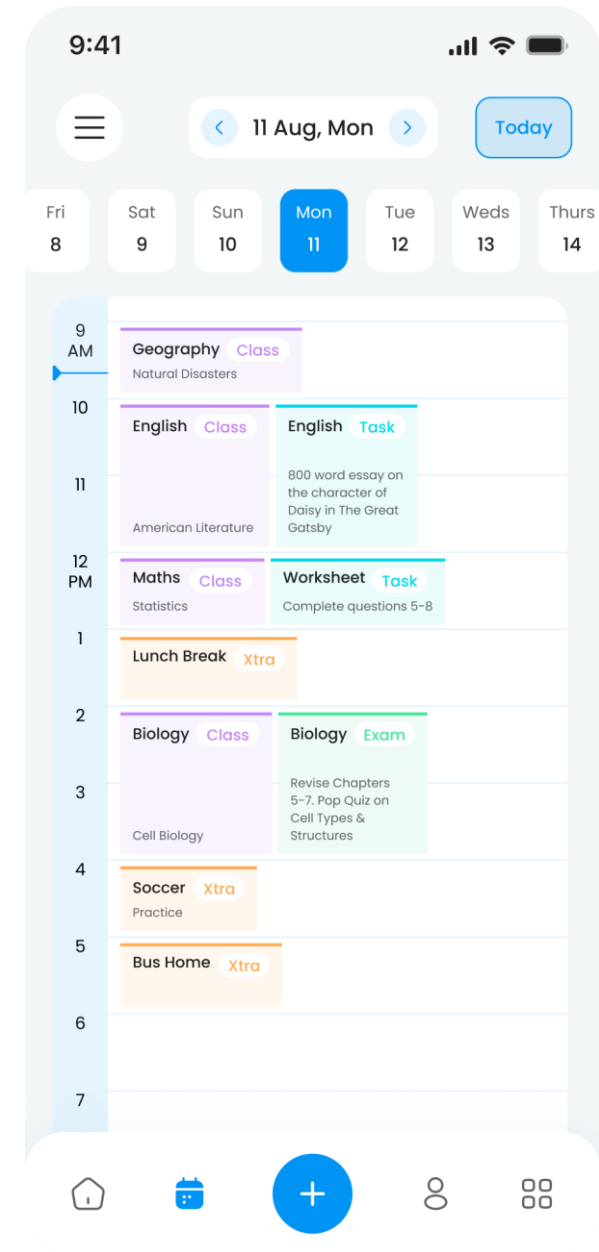
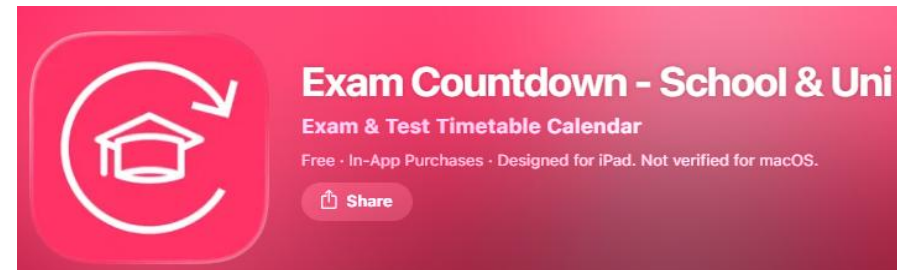
Name: _____ Revision Weekly Planner – Week commencing: 8th June

| | During school – 9am – 3pm | Late Afternoon – 3pm – 5pm | Twilight – 5pm – 7pm | Evening – 7pm – 9.30pm |
|-----------|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|--|
| Monday | School Biology P2 | Gym | Maths practice P3 | DT - Section B - Technical principles |
| Tuesday | School Maths P3 DT | Geog pre-released | Geog fieldwork | X |
| Wednesday | School Geography P3 | Chemical change | | Chemistry - Organic - Atmosphere |
| Thursday | School | Earth's Resources | Rugby | |
| Friday | School Chemistry P2 | X | | |
| Saturday | | | X | |
| Sunday | Rugby | | | |

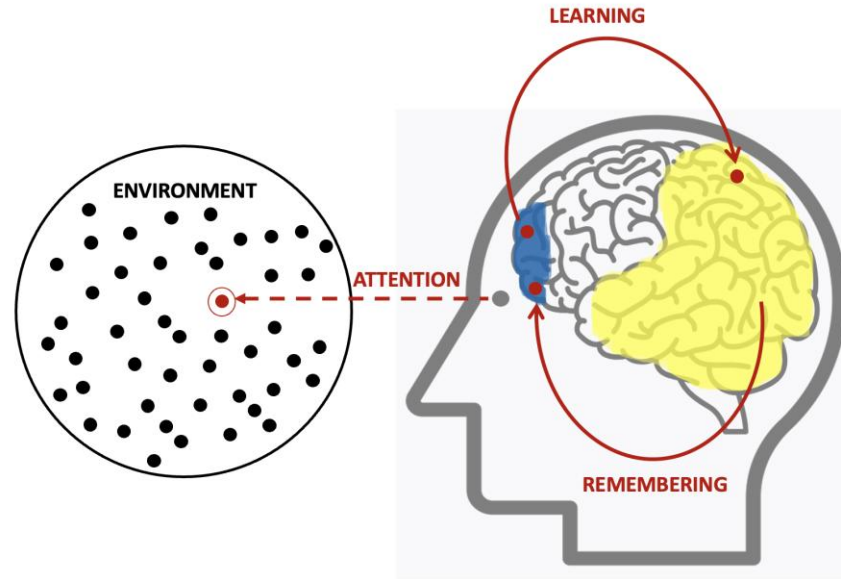
1. Remember to work in 25 to 30 minute slots



Planner Apps



Exams and the importance of attention and memory



Paying attention to one thing

Always produces

Active thinking

Given enough time will

Move to LTM

Revision activities must include opportunities for recalling knowledge – check that you can remember something.



Revision Activities

Remind yourself of the

- Re-reading class notes
- Using course textbooks
- Creating mind maps for
memory

Practical

- Write your own questions
and answers
Hand in to your
teacher for
checking

Check what you
can remember!



Exam Stress

Stress is a normal response to situational pressures or demands, especially if they are perceived as threatening or dangerous.

Stress is the result of brain chemicals, called hormones, surging through the body.

A certain amount of stress is a normal part of daily life.

Small doses of stress can be helpful and helps you to be prepared to meet deadlines, be prepared for presentations or exams, be productive.



Signs of exam stress



Thoughts

- Worries
- Difficulty concentrating
- Negative self talk
- Difficulty making decisions

Physical

- Headaches
- Upset stomach
- Changes in appetite
- Susceptible to cold/flu
- Low energy
- Tense muscles

Feelings

- Nervous
- Moody
- Unmotivated
- Anxious
- Angry

Behaviours

- Withdrawing
- Irritable/more conflict
- Avoiding tasks
- Poor sleep
- Eating less
- Teeth grinding/nail biting



Exam Stress

STRESS MANAGEMENT IN YOUR LIFE

- MEDITATION**

DEEP BREATHS
- EXERCISE**

GET MOVING
- TIME IN NATURE**

RELAXATION
- SLEEP WELL**

RECHARGE
- CONNECT SOCIALLY**

JOIN A CLUB
- EAT WELL**

REDUCE CAFFEINE
- MAKE LISTS**

PRIORITIZE TASKS

Exam Stress support in school

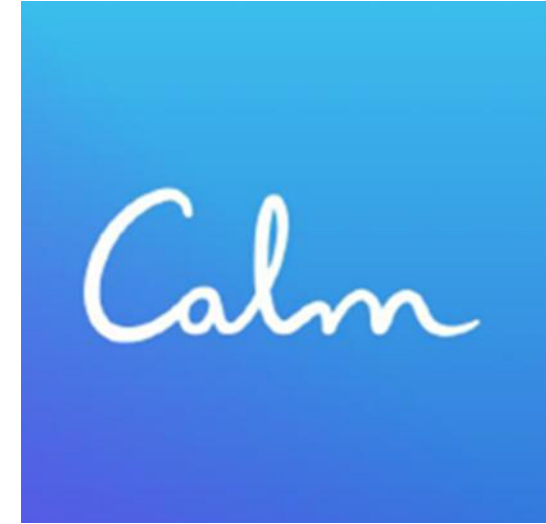
- Form tutor
- Head of Year – Mr Nodder
- Email – tellsomeone@braytonacademy.org.uk
- Break time "drop ins" with our pastoral support worker Mrs Wray
- Wellbeing in mind exam stress groups – speak to your head of year
- Exam stress groups in the Bridge



Useful websites

YOUNGMiNDS

Worry
tree



Exam Stress
Support



Exam Support

- Mock exams throughout year 10 and 11 have prepared students – they know what to expect.
- We will support students by ensuring the exams run as smoothly as possible.
- Our booster sessions and exam preparation lessons (EPL) before each exam will prepare students with reminders regarding content and technique.
- Research tells us that **SUCCESSFUL** students are those who are able to succeed in **NON COGNITIVE** areas such as **EFFORT, ATTITUDE** and **ORGANISATION**. Everyone can be successful.



Key Dates

- Friday 1st May 2026 – Examinations start
 - Tuesday 26th – Friday 29th May 2026 – No examinations this week – students still in school.
 - Monday 15th June 2026 – Final Examinations – during half term.
 - Wednesday 24th June 2026 – contingency day.
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- **Friday 12th June 2026 - Leavers Assembly**
 - **Wednesday 1st July 2026- The Prom**
 - **Thursday 20th August 2026 – Results Day**

