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Dear Parent/Carer

### **GCSE Examinations**

As you are aware, the Year 11 GCSE examinations are about to start on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018**. Your child has been issued with a personalised timetable stating the dates and times of the examinations that your child will sit over the examination period in May/June.

This year the GCSE examinations will fall into the month of Ramadan. We fully respect any decision your child will make with regards to observing Ramadan, however, we would like to point out that the grades attained at GCSE are critical to the further education and career prospects of your child. Due to the importance of these grades, your child will need to seriously and thoughtfully take their future and their studies into account, alongside their decision how they will observe Ramadan this year. We have placed a guidance document by the Association of School and College Leaders in the Parent section of our website.

There is a strong possibility that the Physics examination scheduled for **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2018** will fall on Eid al-Fitr. As examination dates and times are set by the examination board, we cannot alter the start time of 9:00am. We ask for your support in ensuring that your child will arrive on time for the examination.

Eid ul-Adha may include the GCSE results day on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2018**. It is important that your child picks up their GCSE results from the academy on the day, particularly if your child received a conditional offer for a college place.

We would also like to make you aware of the dates for our Graduation Evening (22<sup>nd</sup> June 2018) and Rewards Trip (25<sup>th</sup> June 2018). More detailed information will follow.

Should you have any questions or require further guidance, please do not hesitate to contact the academy. We understand that the examination period can be an anxious time for students and their parents/carers and we are happy to support you.

Yours sincerely

**Mr N Oxford**  
Assistant Headteacher

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Deputy Headteacher