

GCSE EXAM TIMETABLE 2026

Exam Date	Day	Exam Board	Qualification	Exam Code	Subject	Title	Exam Time	Exam Duration
APRIL/MAY								
30 April & 1 May		WJEC	GCSE	C650QS	Art & Design (Art, Craft & Design)	Art & Design		
March		AQA	GCSE	8261/X	Drama	Drama Practical Exam		
by 7 May		AQA	GCSE	8552/C	Design & Technology	Non-exam assessment		
6 & 7 May		Pearson	GCSE	1SPO 1F and 1H	Spanish	Spanish Speaking		
MAY								
8/5/2026	Friday	AQA	GCSE	8261/W	Drama	Understanding Drama	PM	1h 45m
11/5/2026	Monday	AQA	GCSE	8702/1	English Literature	English Literature Paper 1: Shakespeare and the 19th century novel	AM	1h 45m
11/5/2026	Monday	OCR	GCSE	J204/01	Business	Business 1: Business activity, marketing and people	PM	1h 30m
12/5/2026	Tuesday	AQA	GCSE	8461/1F & 1H	Biology	Biology Paper 1 (both tiers)	PM	1h 45m
12/5/2026	Tuesday	AQA	GCSE	8464/B/1F & 1H	Combined Science: Biology	Combined Science Trilogy: Biology Paper 1 (both tiers)	PM	1h 15m
13/5/2026	Wednesday	AQA	GCSE	8035/1	Geography	Geography 1: Living with the physical environment	AM	1h 30m
14/5/2026	Thursday	Pearson	GCSE	1MA1 1F & 1H	Mathematics	Mathematics Paper 1: Non-calculator (both tiers)	AM	1h 30m
15/5/2026	Friday	Pearson	GCSE	1HI0 10-13	History	History Paper 1: Thematic study and historic environment	AM	1h 20m
18/5/2026	Monday	AQA	GCSE	8462/1F & 1H	Chemistry	Chemistry Paper 1 (both tiers)	AM	1h 45m
18/5/2026	Monday	AQA	GCSE	8464/C/1F & 1H	Combined Science: Chemistry	Combined Science Trilogy: Chemistry Paper 1 (both tiers)	AM	1h 15m
18/5/2026	Monday	WJEC	Vocational Technical Award	5799U30-1	Engineering	Engineering: Solving engineering problems	PM	1h 30m
19/5/2026	Tuesday	AQA	GCSE	8702/2	English Literature	English Literature Paper 2: Modern texts and poetry	AM	2h 15m
21/5/2026	Thursday	AQA	GCSE	8700/1	English Language	English Language 1: Explorations in creative reading and writing	AM	1h 45m
21/5/2026	Thursday	OCR	GCSE	J204/02	Business	Business 2: Operations, finance, and influences on business	PM	1h 30m
22/5/2026	Friday	OCR	GCSE	J857/01	Physical Education	Paper 1: Physical factors affecting performance	AM	1h

JUNE								
1/6/2026	Monday	OCR	GCSE	J857/02	Physical Education	Paper 2: Socio-cultural issues and sports psychology	AM	1h
2/6/2026	Tuesday	AQA	GCSE	8463/1F & 1H	Physics	Physics Paper 1 (both tiers)	AM	1h 45m
2/6/2026	Tuesday	AQA	GCSE	8464/P/1F & 1H	Combined Science: Physics	Combined Science Trilogy: Physics Paper 1 (both tiers)	AM	1h 15m
3/6/2026	Wednesday	Pearson	GCSE	1MA1 2F & 2H	Mathematics	Mathematics Paper 2: Calculator (both tiers)	AM	1h 30m
3/6/2026	Wednesday	AQA	GCSE	8035/2	Geography	Geography 2: Challenges in the human environment	PM	1h 30m
4/6/2026	Thursday	Pearson	GCSE	1HI0 2A-2W	History	History Paper 2: Period study & British depth study	AM	1h 50m
5/6/2026	Friday	AQA	GCSE	8700/ 2	English Language	English Language 2: Writers' viewpoints and perspectives	AM	1h 45m
8/6/2026	Monday	AQA	GCSE	8461/2F & 2H	Biology	Biology Paper 2 (both tiers)	AM	1h 45m
8/6/2026	Monday	AQA	GCSE	8464/B/2F & 2H	Combined Science: Biology	Combined Science Trilogy: Biology Paper 2 (both tiers)	AM	1h 15m
9/6/2026	Tuesday	Pearson	GCSE	1SP1 2F	Spanish	Paper 2: Listening and understanding in Spanish Foundation Tier	AM	0h 50m
9/6/2026	Tuesday	Pearson	GCSE	1SP1 2H	Spanish	Paper 2: Listening and understanding in Spanish Higher Tier	AM	1h 5m
9/6/2026	Tuesday	Pearson	GCSE	1HI0 30-33	History	History Paper 3: Modern depth study	PM	1h 30m
10/6/2026	Wednesday	Pearson	GCSE	1MA1 3F & 3H	Mathematics	Mathematics Paper 3: Calculator (both tiers)	AM	1h 30m
10/6/2026	Wednesday	AQA	GCSE	8552/W	Design & Technology	Design & Technology written paper	PM	2h
11/6/2026	Thursday	AQA	GCSE	8035/3	Geography	Geography 3: Geographical applications	AM	1h 30m
12/6/2026	Friday	AQA	GCSE	8462/2F & 2H	Chemistry	Chemistry Paper 2 (both tiers)	AM	1h 45m
12/6/2026	Friday	AQA	GCSE	8464/C/2F & 2H	Combined Science: Chemistry	Combined Science Trilogy: Chemistry Paper 2 (both tiers)	AM	1h 15m
12/6/2026	Friday	WJEC	Vocational Technical Award	5409UB0-1	Hospitality & Catering	The Hospitality and Catering Industry	PM	1h 20m
15/6/2026	Monday	AQA	GCSE	8463/2F & 2H	Physics	Physics Paper 2 (both tiers)	AM	1h 45m
15/6/2026	Monday	AQA	GCSE	8464/P/2F & 2H	Combined Science: Physics	Combined Science Trilogy: Physics Paper 2 (both tiers)	AM	1h 15m
16/6/2026	Tuesday	Pearson	GCSE	1SP1 3F	Spanish	Paper 3: Reading and understanding in Spanish Foundation Tier	AM	0h 45m
16/6/2026	Tuesday	Pearson	GCSE	1SP1 3H	Spanish	Paper 3: Reading and understanding in Spanish Higher Tier	AM	1h
17/6/2026	Wednesday	Pearson	GCSE	1SP1 4F	Spanish	Paper 4: Writing in Spanish Foundation Tier	AM	1h 15m
17/6/2026	Wednesday	Pearson	GCSE	1SP1 4H	Spanish	Paper 4: Writing in Spanish Higher Tier	AM	1h 20m
24/6/2026	Wednesday	CONTINGENCY DAY					ALL DAY	