



Information for parents & carers about the Year 11 Mock Examinations

Dear parent/carer,

We are pleased to share that our Year 11 students have made a strong start to their studies this year overall. Soon, our Year 11s will be assessed in a round of formal mock GCSE examinations. The mock examinations are an extremely important part of the long-term preparation for our students, ensuring that they are equipped to succeed in their formal examinations at the end of this academic year.

The mock examination window will run from **Monday 3 November 2025** to **Thursday 13 November 2025**. It is important that students are **in school every day** during this period. The full timetable is attached to this letter so that you and your child can see when their exams will take place. We have also included the full rules and regulations from the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) on our school website [here](#). This is the independent body that ensures all examinations, conduct and procedures are fair.

We will be conducting these examinations under full examination conditions and guidelines. Most examinations will take place in the exam hall. We do this for several reasons, all of which are in support of your child:

- Mock examinations give students the opportunity to become comfortable with the examination conditions. They will experience what a 'real' examination will look and feel like, but in a lower-stakes environment. This will, in the long term, help to keep students calm and reduce anxieties.
- The outcomes of the mock examinations will also allow students and their teachers to identify any gaps in knowledge and understanding. This is vital information, as we still have time to repair these gaps in advance of the full formal examinations in Year 11. In short, the mocks help us to make more progress.
- Students will have the opportunity to rehearse the time management skills, both in preparation for and in sitting the mock examinations.

During lessons in school, and through homework and independent learning tasks, teachers have been supporting students with revision for the mock examinations. In order to support them further with their revision we have a number of staff available in school over half term (see timetable below) and we have additional top tips for how you as a parent or carer can support your child with revision are posted on our school website and on the reverse of this letter.

		09:00	09:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	13:00	13:30	14:00	14:30 till 15:00
Monday	27/10/2025		English - Ms Tunnicliff						Music - Mr Mack				
Tuesday	28/10/2025	Maths - Mr Rodgers											
Wednesday	29/10/2025	Spanish - Ms Osa-Nappier & Miss Ward											
		Enterprise - Miss McMahon					Health & Social Care - Miss McMahon						
Thursday	30/10/2025	Drama & Film Studies - Mrs Owens											
		Science - Mr Nicholson & Ms Ladha											
		History - Mr Graham & Mr Thompson					RE - Miss Kudlacik						

We thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully,

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Vice Principal

Mrs S Brooks
Head of Year 11

Mrs E Telford
Data and Exams Officer

How can I support my child with their revision as a parent or carer?

Golden Rules for revision

1. Copying notes won't cut it!

The information needs to be converted in some way. E.g., summarised, changed from text into a flowchart, built into a flash card, or applied to an exam-style question.

2. Revision needs to be spaced out over time, not crammed in at the last minute

A revision planner can be used to help this (we are providing these for students). There are some top tips for revision planning on the website.

3. Revise without distractions

That means no mobile phones, no TV, and no music with words (quiet classical/ambient is okay). Place mobiles in another room; check messages etc. during breaks between revision sessions.

4. Take breaks

There should be regular breaks scheduled in revision. 20 minutes is a good length of time for a focussed revision session, with short breaks in between each one. The ideal time to check phone messages or make a cup of tea.

5. Eat and sleep well

Sleeping, eating and drinking as well as possible is important for keeping the energy levels needed to be able to remain focussed during revision sessions.

Subject-specific support for revision

Our school website holds a lot of useful information for subject-specific support for students. Scan the QR code and this will take you to a page where you can click through to the individual subjects and the subject-specific revision support.

Follow [this link](#) for this subject-specific support.

Overarching advice for revision

1. Keep communicating. Talk to your child about their learning. Ask them about the revision and independent learning that they are doing each day
2. Help your child with their retrieval activities.
3. Reassure your child.
4. Don't let your child worry too much about mistakes.
5. Provide a good environment to revise.