



5th October 2026

Dear Families

Year 11 Mock Examinations

We would like to inform you that our Year 11 mock examinations will take place from **Monday 12th October – Monday 9th November**. This is the second in a series of three mock examinations ahead of the formal GCSE examinations which will begin in **May 2027**.

Mock examinations provide a valuable opportunity for students to experience formal exam conditions. They allow students to develop and refine their examination techniques within a timed environment, as well as evaluate the progress they have made in their learning so far. In addition, these assessments will provide essential evidence used to determine predicted grades, which are required by colleges and sixth form providers as part of the application process. The results will also help us identify any areas where further support may be needed.

[Here](#) is a copy of the general timetable detailing the dates and times of each examination.

How we are supporting students

We are committed to ensuring all students feel fully prepared and supported during this period. To support their revision:

- Students will be provided with subject-specific guidance on what to revise, along with relevant revision materials.
- A series of assemblies are taking place, offering advice on the most effective revision strategies.
- All students have been given a revision timetable during tutor time, which they should complete and share with you at home.

Expectations during examinations

These examinations are very important and it is essential that students are 'In School, On Time' **every day** and fully equipped. They must bring the following equipment to each examination:

- Two black pens
- Pencil
- Rubber
- Pencil sharpener
- Ruler
- Compass
- Protractor
- Calculator

Any calculator may be used for these examinations. However, students must have the GCSE-approved calculator (Casio FX83GT-CW Scientific Calculator) for future mock examinations and their GCSEs next academic year. We strongly recommend early purchase so students can become familiar with its use.

Only clear water bottles and clear pencil cases will be permitted in the examination hall.



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Supporting your child at home

We have developed the graphic below that sets out how you can support your child during their examinations:



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Home support during the GCSE season

GCSE season can be a demanding time, not only for students, but for family too. The support you provide at home can make a difference to your child's confidence and wellbeing. Here are some effective ways you can help during this important period.

Help create a realistic revision plan



- Know when each exam is
- Encourage 20-40 minute focused revision sessions with 5-10 minute breaks
- A range of subjects should be revised each day with time for hobbies

You can help by:

- Organising a simple revision timetable using our template
- Encouraging 'active revision':
- Making notes or revision cards
- Testing them on their notes
- Going through past papers together with a mark scheme

Create a calm study environment



Small changes make a big difference:

- Quiet, well-lit space
- Music or TV, even in the background will distract from revision
- Phone and all unnecessary screens away during revision sessions

If home is busy, a quiet space, such as the library can be used instead or staying in school later.

Sleep is as important as revision



Teenagers need around 8-10 hours of sleep.

Encourage:

- No late-night cramming
- Screens off 30-60 minutes before bed
- Consistent sleep/wake times to provide enough sleep

Fuel their brain



- Ensure breakfast is eaten each day and meals are not skipped
- Students are welcome to attend our free breakfast club
- Limit their caffeine and intake of energy drinks as they can affect concentration and sleep

The night before each exam



Keep it calm and form a wind down routine to encourage good sleep:

- Pack bag and lay out uniform
- Set alarms

The morning of an exam



- Ensure they are up and ready for the day
- Encourage breakfast
- Encourage them to leave earlier than usual

Help keep perspective around exams



GCSEs are important, but one exam does not determine their future. Listening and offering reassurance if they feel they have had a bad exam will support them with their next one.

Please contact Ms Palmer if you have any concerns

Thank you for your continued support. We wish all Year 11 students the very best in their upcoming mock examinations.

Yours sincerely



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