

Year 11 Newsletter

Issue 2 - March 2026

Welcome

As we move further into the spring term, Year 11 students have now successfully completed their second round of mock examinations. These mocks have been an important milestone, giving students the opportunity to experience the structure and expectations of the formal examination period once again. They also provided valuable insight into areas of strength and any topics that may still need focused revision before the final GCSE examinations begin in May.

The mock examination period was approached with maturity and determination by the vast majority of students, and it was encouraging to see the effort and commitment they demonstrated throughout. This experience serves as an important final preparation stage, helping students build confidence, refine their revision strategies, and become familiar with the routines and pressures of exam conditions.

Over the next few weeks, students will begin receiving their individual exam timetables. This will allow them to clearly see when each of their exams will take place and begin planning their revision and preparation accordingly. We encourage parents and carers to take time to review these timetables with their child and help them organise a structured revision schedule as we approach the start of the GCSE exam period in May.

Achievement

Student of the Month

This award is given to recognise students who have made outstanding progress, excellent effort or gone above and beyond our high expectations. "Well done!"

September Winner Year 11 - Melissa G

October Winner Year 11 - Opor K

November Winner Year 11 - Brooke T

Congratulations!

Attendance Matters

Attendance and Punctuality: Key to Success

As your child embarks on their GCSE exams, we want to emphasise the critical importance of attending every scheduled exam. Missing even a single exam can significantly impact their final grades and future opportunities.

Equally important is punctuality. Arriving at school by 8:30 a.m. each day allows students to settle in, manage any last-minute preparations, and approach each exam with a calm and focused mindset. Being on time ensures they are not rushed and can perform to the best of their abilities.

WINNER

Student of the Month



Taylor-Jane L

Neveah S

January

February

Mr Cawley



Achievement
Leader

Mrs Bibby



Head of Year

Miss Keenan
KS4
Head of Year



We greatly appreciate your support in reinforcing these habits. Consistent attendance and punctuality during this crucial period play a vital role in helping your child achieve their best possible outcomes.

How Lateness Adds Up



5 minutes late daily:
Over 3 days of
learning lost per year.



10 minutes late daily:
About 7 days of
learning missed annually



15 minutes late daily:
Equivalent to missing
almost 2 weeks of school

Trips and Events

Key Dates for Year 11

Boost & Secure sessions run every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday until 3:30 pm.

Saturday tuition has now restarted have been sent to students and parents who have signed up, and attendance is expected.

Half-term revision sessions will take place during the Easter break information will be sent home in due course.,

Mock 2 results day on Monday 13 April.

Home Learning Focus

As we move closer to the May examination period, we would like to emphasise how important independent learning at home is for supporting your child's progress and helping them prepare confidently for their exams.

Completing home learning regularly through ClassCharts is a vital part of this preparation. These tasks are designed not only to reinforce what is taught in lessons, but also to help students develop the independent study habits and revision skills that are essential for success in their upcoming exams.

Working independently at home allows students to revisit key knowledge, practise important skills, and identify areas where they may need further support. Establishing a consistent routine with home learning now will help ensure students feel more confident and better prepared as exams approach in May.

Students complete their home learning using several online learning platforms, including:

- Sparx Maths – supporting practice and consolidation of mathematical skills
- CENTURY Tech – supporting English learning and personalised practice
- Tassomai – helping students revise key scientific knowledge through regular retrieval practice

You can view all assigned home learning through ClassCharts, where you will be able to see what tasks have been set and when they need to be completed. Checking this regularly is a great way to support your child's independent learning and ensure they stay on track with their revision and preparation.

If you do not currently have your login details for ClassCharts, please contact the academy and we will be happy to help.

Curriculum Spotlight

Year 11 is a crucial year for students as they approach their GCSE examinations. The coming months are an important period where consistent effort, strong study habits, and excellent attendance can make a significant difference to final outcomes. At the academy, we are committed to supporting every student to achieve their very best as they prepare for these important exams.

A key part of this support is our 'Boost & Secure' programme, a series of targeted after-school sessions led by subject specialists. These sessions are designed to help students close any gaps in knowledge, strengthen exam techniques, and develop effective independent revision strategies in the lead-up to their GCSEs.

To support student wellbeing and maintain balance during this busy time, there are no mandatory sessions on Mondays or Fridays. The sessions run in cycles throughout the year and follow this structure:

- Tuesday: English Boost & Secure
- Wednesday: Maths Boost & Secure
- Thursday: Personalised support based on individual student needs



Year 11 Prom will take place on Thursday 25 June 2026. Students became eligible to attend from Monday 26 January, and must continue to maintain:

- 96% school attendance
- Excellent punctuality (no more than 3 late marks)
- No more than 40 behaviour points
- 96% attendance at Boost & Secure sessions
- Attendance at all exams
- No serious behavioural incidents

Prom is a privilege, and the Academy reserves the right to withdraw places if expectations are not maintained.

📌 Tickets cost £65 and include transport, welcome mocktails, buffet (vegetarian option available) and a disco.

As we move closer to the GCSE examination period, it is essential that students attend both their lessons and these additional sessions consistently. The Boost & Secure sessions are a vital extension of classroom learning, and attendance will play an important role in ensuring students feel confident and fully prepared for their exams.

Students are expected to attend punctually, be fully prepared to learn, and demonstrate an excellent attitude throughout. On Boost & Secure days, detentions will begin at 3:30 pm if required.

We are proud of the support provided through the Boost & Secure programme and look forward to continuing to work in partnership with parents and carers to ensure all students are supported to reach their full potential during this important stage of their education. If you have any questions about the programme, please contact a member of the Year 11 team.

Visit our
Exams Hub:



Visit our
Revision Hub:

YEAR 11 PROM

⚠️ Only 180 places are available and tickets are allocated first-come, first-served – spaces are filling quickly!

💰 Payment schedule (via Arbor Pay):

- £25 deposit – now overdue if not yet paid
- £20 payment due by the end of March
- £20 final payment due by the end of April

If you have any questions or need support with payments, please contact the Year Team or Finance Department at contact@thesuttonacademy.org.uk

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REVISION SESSIONS

Please find below a timetable of Year 11 Revision Sessions that are taking place during the Easter holidays. All students are strongly encouraged to attend all relevant sessions.

Day/Date	Sessions Running						
Monday 30/3/2026	Art Mrs Kavanagh (DG09) 9am – 3pm	Construction Mr Purcell (DG04) 9am – 3pm	Health and Social Care Mr Melia (6th form – directed study) 9am – 1pm	Design Mr Ryan (DG05) 9am – 3pm	Drama (The Arts Centre) Mr Hughes 9am – 3pm <i>*Selected students only – invites will be sent*</i>	BTEC Sport Component 3 Miss Lithgow (EG01) 10am – 3pm	English (Online – links will be added to ClassCharts) 10am – 11.30am
Tuesday 31/3/2026	Construction Mr Purcell (DG04) 9am – 3pm	Design Mr Ryan (DG05) 9am – 3pm	Childcare (6th form – directed study) Mrs Alkarafi 9am – 2pm	Art & Design Mrs McBirney] (DG08) 9am – 3pm	Drama (The Arts Centre) Mr Hughes 9am – 3pm <i>*Selected students only – invites will be sent*</i>	BTEC Sport Component 1 resits Miss Lithgow (EG01) 10am – 3pm <i>*Selected students only – invites will be sent*</i>	
Wednesday 1/4/2026	Health and Social Care (6th form – directed study) Miss Bromilow 9:30am – 1:30pm			Drama (The Arts Centre) Mr Hughes 9am – 3pm <i>*Selected students only – invites will be sent*</i>			

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Tuesday 7/4/2026	Geography Miss Chapman (EF09) 9am – 11am	English (Online – links will be added to ClassCharts) 10am – 11.30am	Construction Mr Purcell (DG04) 9am – 3pm
Wednesday 8/4/2026	Food Preparation and Nutrition NEA1 Mr Huey (11B/Fo1) Mr Melia (11C/Fo1) (DG02) 9am – 3pm		Construction Mr Purcell (DG04) 9am – 3pm
Thursday 9/4/2026	Food Preparation and Nutrition NEA2 Mr Huey (11B/Fo1) Mr Melia (11C/Fo1) (DG02) 9am – 3pm		English (Online – links will be added to ClassCharts) 4.00pm -5.00pm

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