

6 October 2026

Dear Parents/Carers and Students,

We are incredibly proud of our students in Year 11; they have consistently demonstrated to us a mature and conscientious attitude towards their GCSE studies since returning in September. Next half-term, students will be sitting their first round of GCSE mock examinations in all their subjects. This is a crucial moment for our students in Year 11 as it is an opportunity for them to experience the examination period ahead of their final GCSE examinations in Summer 2027. It is therefore important that we ensure the mock examinations mirror the final examinations as far as possible.

GCSE Mock Exams - w/c Monday 9 November:

The mock exam period starts week commencing **Monday 9 November** and will run for just over two weeks. Mock examinations will take place in exam venues and will be fully invigilated to ensure they are conducted in exam conditions. Next week students will receive their personalised mock exam timetable. An electronic copy will also be sent home via email to parents/carers. To ensure that students are fully prepared, we have also scheduled '**exam warm up sessions**' with their class teacher ahead of every mock exam and this is something we will also do for the final exams in Summer 2027.

Preparing for Mock Exams:

To ensure that every student is fully prepared for the mock exams, they will be provided with a full revision list for every subject at least four weeks before the exams on ClassCharts and/or Microsoft Teams. Students will be provided with revision resources in lessons and will also be receiving lessons on how best to revise for each subject. In addition, many teachers are running additional sessions for students over the half term break, details of this will be sent out shortly. Students who attend these sessions will be rewarded by the Year 11 Team.

Our Values:



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It is important to note that all home learning tasks for Year 11, Boost and Secure sessions and any intervention during the academy day are all focussed on preparing for these exams. Although attending the academy and meeting our expectations daily will mean students have already started preparing, it is also expected that students should be revising independently at home. Please refer to the information you received on Year 11 Information Evening.

All students in Year 11 are eligible to be nominated for the Revision Revolution challenge. If they bring in examples of independent revision they have completed and show any member of staff, they will receive a nomination. They will be awarded 10+ Achievement Points on ClassCharts. The high value tariff attached to this reward; reflects the value we place on revision and independent learning at the academy. There will be a voucher awarded to the student who has received the most nominations in the year group.

GCSE Mock Results Day - Monday January 2027:

The assessment information we gather from these exams will be used to create students GCSE Mock Results Certificates. This will give student a GCSE grade in each subject, which they are expected to achieve if they continue to work at the same standard they are currently working. Students will receive their results certificate during a celebratory assembly on **Monday 4 January 2027**. This day is an exciting opportunity to recognise and reward those students who have worked hard for their mock exams, and we will celebrate their efforts and achievements on our social media platforms.

We are very proud of the support we offer our Year 11 students and are confident we can provide students with the opportunities and encouragement they need to reach their full potential. We hope we can work in strong partnership with parents to achieve this. Please do not hesitate to contact us, or a member of the Year 11 Team if you have any questions about the GCSE mock examination process.

Yours faithfully

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