



Dear Parents and Carers,

Important GCSE information, dates and additional support

Building on an exceptionally well attended Parents Consultation Evening before half-term, we are keen to continue to work with you on your son/daughter's road to GCSE success over the next two and a half months. The information in this letter outlines:

- Year 11 Mock dates
- NEA deadlines
- Revision sessions
- Exam Dates Prior to Thursday 9th May
- Useful revision course links
- Revision Guides
- Other important dates

Year 11 Mocks: Monday 4th – Friday 8th March

The final set of Mock Exams provide your child with further practice for their exams and take place in ten days' time. Students will sit papers in the core subjects and also in Creative iMedia.

Monday, 4 th AM	Maths Paper 1
Monday, 4 th PM	English Language
Tuesday, 5 th AM	Maths Paper 2
Tuesday, 5 th PM	Biology
Wednesday, 6 th AM	Chemistry
Wednesday, 6 th PM	English Literature
Thursday, 7 th AM	Maths Paper 3
Thursday, 7 th PM	Physics
Friday, 8 th AM	Creative iMedia

NEA deadlines

- **Product design** - NEA sections D and E: Friday 15th March.
- **Music** - Deadline for recording performances and for compositions is Thursday 28th March.
- **Food technology** NEA2 - Monday 26th February – Friday 1st March (Students have been allocated a specific day)
- **Physical Education** Friday 15th March - Deadline for written coursework final submission

Revision Sessions

Creative iMedia

- Wednesday afterschool to Easter is targeted coursework - parents have been given dates for attendance.
- From Easter to the exam there will be open revision for the whole class after school on Wednesdays.

Computer Science

- Tuesday lunchtime in R11 - Paper 2 programming
- Wednesday lunchtime in R11 - Paper 1 - Theory.

Design and Technology

- Every Tuesday after school catch up sessions.
- Every Thursday lunchtime sessions.
- Revision sessions on Tuesday after school after the 15th March.

Drama

- Component 2 Sunday Rehearsal - 25th February 10am-2pm

English

Wednesdays in C15, 3.15pm – 4.15pm. All welcome. These have started and will continue until May half-term.

French

- Tuesday 20th February – Foundation Reading HF
- Tuesday 27th February – Foundation Listening NA
- Tuesday 5th March – Higher Reading HF
- Tuesday 12th March – Higher Listening NA
- Tuesday 19th March – Foundation Reading HF
- Tuesday 26th March – Higher Reading NA
- Tuesday 16th April – Higher Listening HF
- Tuesday 23rd April – Foundation Listening NA
- Tuesday 30th April – Speaking HF
- Tuesday 7th May – Speaking NA

Art GCSE help day: Friday 12th April (Easter holidays) - We are holding a GCSE help day in the Easter holidays for all Year 11 GCSE students studying Art, Graphics or Photography. This day is designed to support students with their final preparations in advance of the exams which start shortly after we return from the holiday. Students need to attend the full day between 9am and 3pm. They do not need to wear uniform but do need to bring a packed lunch, a drink and a snack.

Exam Dates Prior to Thursday 9th May

Drama Component 2 Performance Exam on 12th March 8.30am-3.10pm

Photography Exams are on 19th and 22nd April all day

Art Exams are on 23rd and 24th April all day

Graphics Exams are on 24th and 25th April all day

All **French & Spanish** speaking exams will take place between 7th - 10th May

Two useful revision course links below:

<https://www.rvc.ac.uk/study/rvc-is-open-for-all/get-your-grades-online-programme-information-for-teachers>

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Revision Guides

History

<https://amzn.eu/d/4BAIaPG>

<https://amzn.eu/d/gek0bTe>

<https://amzn.eu/d/36ieNVB>

<https://amzn.eu/d/9kS9EWi>

Combined Science

<https://amzn.eu/d/3B5sNT6> (GCSE Combined Science **Higher Tier** revision guide)

<https://amzn.eu/d/bV278sl> (GCSE Combined Science **Foundation Tier** revision guide)

<https://amzn.eu/d/aV2DPfb> (GCSE Combined Science flashcards)

<https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/past-papers/gcse-science/> (free AQA past papers)

Separate Sciences

<https://amzn.eu/d/ggSPXok> (Separate Science GCSE Biology revision guide)

<https://amzn.eu/d/6kT3bxX> (Separate Science GCSE Chemistry revision guide)

<https://amzn.eu/d/aoAdENQ> (Separate Science GCSE Physics revision guide)

<https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/past-papers/> (free AQA past papers)

Important dates

- Thursday 22nd February 6-9pm **Careers Fair**
- Thursday 9th May – 19th June: **GCSE Exams**
- Thursday 20th June: **Year 11 Ball**
- Wednesday 26th June **Foundation Day** for all applicants to sample Sixth Form lessons
- Thursday 22nd August: **GCSE results and Sixth Form Enrolment Day**

Kind regards,

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Head of Year 11