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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Year 11 Spring Curriculum

I would like to once again congratulate all Year 11 students for their endeavour and professionalism, most recently demonstrated through the maturity and focus they showed during the Sixth Form Taster Day.

The spring term is a particularly busy and purposeful period for our students. Year 11 students are currently receiving detailed feedback from their mock assessments, which will support them in refining their preparation for the forthcoming summer examinations. In selected subjects, students will also complete a second round of mock assessments which will commence on **6th February 2026**. Please see the timetable below for further details.

Year 11 Mock Examinations Window 2		
Date	Morning	Afternoon
Fri 6 Feb	GCSE Maths Paper 3 – 1h 30m (Edexcel)	GCSE Geography Paper 3 – 1h 30m (Edexcel) <i>(Early lunch 1pm – 1.45pm start)</i>
Mon 9 Feb	GCSE Business Studies Paper 2 - 1h 45m (Edexcel)	GCSE Chemistry Paper 2 – 1h 45m (AQA) GCSE Combined Science Chemistry Paper 2 – 1h 15m <i>(Early lunch 1pm – 1.45pm start)</i>
Tue 10 Feb	GCSE Computer Science Paper 2 1h 45m (AQA)	GCSE Biology Paper 2 – 1h 45m (AQA) GCSE Combined Science Biology Paper 2 – 1h 15m (AQA) <i>(Early lunch 1pm – 1.45pm start)</i>
Wed 11 Feb	GCSE English Language Paper 2 – 1h 45m (AQA)	GCSE Physics Paper 2 – 1h 45m (AQA) GCSE Combined Science Physics Paper 2 1h 15m <i>(Early lunch 1pm – 1.45pm start)</i>
Thu 12 Feb	GCSE RS Paper 2 1h (AQA)	
Mon 2 March		GCSE History Paper 3 – 1h30m (Edexcel)
Tue 3 March	GCSE PE Paper 2 1h (OCR)	
Mon 9 March	GCSE English Literature Paper 1 - 1h 45m (AQA)	

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As we get closer to the public examinations, most lessons will focus on consolidating students' understanding of the required content and on developing and refining examination technique. As a result, the most significant progress will be made during lesson time. Similarly, homework set by teachers will directly support preparation for public examinations and will primarily consist of examination-style questions, which students will have the opportunity to review in lessons.

In Spring Term 2, each subject teacher will set one weekly examination practice task for students to complete at home. In subsequent lessons, students will review this work, gaining a deeper understanding of the official mark schemes and being supported by exemplar model answers.

In addition, we advise that students should be completing **one hour of independent revision per day**. This should increase to **at least two hours per day** towards the end of Spring Term 2. An outline of the recommended number of revision hours is provided below.

Spring 1			HALF TERM	Spring 2					EASTER HOLIDAYS
w/c 26.1.26	w/c 2.2.26	w/c 9.2.26		w/c 23.2.26	w/c 2.3.26	w/c 9.3.26	w/c 16.3.26	w/c 23.3.26	
1-hour independent Revision	1-hour independent Revision	MOCK 2	Exam Practice set by teachers	Exam Practice set by teachers	Exam Practice set by teachers	Exam Practice set by teachers	Exam Practice set by teachers	Exam Practice set by teachers	
			1-hour independent Revision	1-hour independent Revision	2-hours independent Revision	2-hours independent Revision	2-hours independent Revision	2-hours independent Revision	

In addition:

- An updated timetable of departmental revision sessions is available via **ashmole.online**,
- A dedicated lunchtime homework and revision club is available for all Year 11 students.
- A number of targeted revision sessions are also taking place throughout the school day.

We also look forward to welcoming parents and carers of Year 11 students to **Year 11 Parents' Evening on Thursday 12th February**.

Thank you, as always, for your continued partnership and support. We look forward to a positive and successful spring term ahead. Please find details of what your child will be learning in school this term below.

Subject	Spring 1	Spring 2
Art	Coursework Revisiting and handing in coursework Exam Thought web	Exam Initial ideas Developing an idea
Biology	Homeostasis	Revision
Business	Making Financial Decision	Making Human Resource Decision

Chemistry (KS3)	Using Resources	The Atmosphere
Computing	Exam Preparation and Revision	Exam Preparation and Revision
Drama	Scripted Theatre	Scripted Theatre
English	Mock Feedback and English Language Revision	English Literature Revision
Food Technology	NEA2 - Themed Investigation including research, practice trials, written theory and analysis.	NEA 2 including Practical Exam [3hours], analysis and evaluation & Revision
French <i>AQA GCSE Higher (core textbook)</i>	Post mock action plan Revision – Themes 1 & 2	Revision – Theme 3 Getting ready for Speaking
Geography	Exam Preparation	Exam Preparation
History	GCSE: PAPER 3 (Germany 1918-1939)	GCSE: REVISION (Paper 2 and Paper 1)
Mathematics (Higher)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Real Life Graphs and Rates of Change Revision 	Revision
Mathematics (Foundation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Solving Equations Revision 	Revision
Music	Component 3, AoS1, Bach Component 2, Set Brief Submission Point 2 – (Final), 11th Feb 2026 Component 1, Final Solo Performance, w/c 26th Jan 2026	Component 3, AoS 1, Beethoven Final NEA Deadline (all Music Coursework) – 25th March 2026
PE	Practical Performance	Revision
Physics (Combined)	7. Magnetism and electromagnetism 5.4 Moments, levers and gears 5.5 Pressure and pressure differences in fluids	8. Space Physics Revision
Physics (Separate)	Magnetism and electromagnetism Moments, levers and gears Pressure and pressure differences in fluids	Space Physics Revision
Product Design	NEA: Manufacture Polymer Theory: Specialist Techniques Surface Treatments	NEA: Test and Evaluate Theory revision & exam technique practice
Religious Studies	GCSE -Theme C: Existence of God and Revelation	Revision
Spanish	Post mock action plan Revision – Themes 1 & 2	Post mock action plan Revision – Themes 2 & 3
Textiles	NEA: Make and Production plan Textiles Theory: Surface finishes and treatments	NEA: Test and Evaluate Theory Revision

Yours sincerely



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