



The Year 11 trial examinations starts on the 30th October. This newsletter provides key details about these exams as well as some points about revision. We wish all of Year 11 the best of luck in their trial examinations.

Join us for Breakfast

During the exams Year 11 are invited to come to the dining room from 8:15 and have some breakfast. Having a full stomach before exams will help students focus more on their exams.



Key Dates for Year 11—Term 1

18th and 19th October— Year 11 Work experience

W/b 30th October— Year 11 Trial Exams begin

7th December—Year 11 mock results evening and parents evening. Students will not receive their exams results until this date.

Revision Tips

Create Revision timetable

This should be the first step in revision.

It will allow students to spread out study time evenly and avoid cramming during the days leading up to assessments. Students can also allocate more time to any subjects they are struggling with.



Set mini goals

Students should have a few mini goals they would like to achieve by the end of each day. It will stop students feeling overwhelmed and can break study down into smaller chunks

Eating healthy and sleep

Choose healthy foods to eat during your study breaks. The quality of what you put in will dictate the quality you put out. Swapping crisps or chocolate for nuts or fruit will leave you feeling less lethargic in the afternoon and with more energy to learn. But do remember balance.

In terms of sleep, students should prioritise getting 7–9 hours a night. Sleep is a powerful tool for not only committing what students have learnt during the day to long-term memory, but it also improves your cognitive ability to learn again the following day

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Revision Strategies—How to revise

Revision Strategies Use knowledge organisers

Read through the organiser with your child – if you don't understand the content then ask them to explain it to you – 'teaching' you helps them to reinforce their learning.

Converting the information into a mind map or make your own version

Display on the wall or the fridge door until the memory 'sticks'.

Test students regularly on the spellings of key words until they are perfect.

Read sections out to them, missing out key words or phrases. Miss out more and more until they are word perfect.

Revision Strategies Flashcards

Student use their notes or their textbook to identify key concepts in the material. On one side of a flashcard, write the name of the concept. On the back of the flashcard, write the definition. Students can then self-quiz.



Useful Revision Websites

The following websites may prove useful in your studies:

[Secondary Homework Help | Online subjects - BBC Bitesize](#)

Sparx - for weekly compulsory homework & "XP boost" targeted independent revision <https://www.sparxmaths.uk/>

OnMaths – for online mock papers with walkthroughs for each question <https://www.onmaths.com/>

MME – high quality notes & practice questions by topic [Edexcel GCSE Maths Revision | Past Papers | Tests | Worksheets \(mmerevise.co.uk\)](#)

History– BBC Bitesize [America, 1920-1973 - GCSE History Revision - AQA - BBC Bitesize](#)

Work Experience Update

Work experience takes places on Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th October.

Any students who have not secured a place are expected to be in school during both days and will attend lessons as normal.

Year 11 Period 6

We have been very impressed with attendance at the Period 6 interventions which run on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. So far 89% of Year 11 students have engaged. During the mock exam period, Year 11 period 6 interventions will not run as exams will run after school and use period 6 time.

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Exam timetable

Information regarding Trilogy Science and Combined Science from Mr Willis, Head of Science

I want all students to achieve the best possible grades in their exams. For this to happen in science it is essential that students are entered for the course & tier that is right for them. It is important that all students put their best effort into revising for their mock exams. This is because student performance will be used to inform these decisions and may result in set changes so that students can get the right teaching for their course & tier. If you have any questions then please speak to me. Please note that this may mean you change from studying separate science to combined science.

Mr Willis, Head of Science

Key Points for the exam week:

Morning exams will begin from 08:45am

Afternoon exams will begin from 1:45pm

Please be aware that most afternoon exams will not finish until after 3pm. This is representative of normal GCSE examinations.

Make sure you have equipment for all exams:

1. a clear pencil case
2. Black pens
3. Pencil
4. Rubber
5. Calculator/maths sets (protractor)



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Week 1

30 th October	Period 1	Period 2		Period 3	Period 4	Lunch	Period 5
Monday 30 th	History – Paper 1 - 2 Hours Geography – Paper 1 – 1 Hour 30 Min		B	Normal Lesson	Normal lesson		English masterclass Year 11 go to English teacher
Tuesday 31 st	English Language Sports Hall – 1 Hour 45 Minutes		R	Normal Lesson	Maths masterclass Year 11 go to normal maths teacher		Maths Paper 1 Sports Hall – 1 Hour 30 Mins
Wednesday 1 st	Business Studies 1 45 Hour NCFE 1 hour DT – 2 hour Art exam- all day (cover issue- primary)		E	Normal Lesson	Maths masterclass Year 11 go to normal maths teacher		Normal Lesson
Thursday 2 nd	Biology – Sports Hall Separate 1 Hour 45 Mins Combined 1 Hour 15 Mins		A	Normal Lesson	Normal Lesson		Maths Paper 2 Sports Hall – 1 Hour 30 Mins
Friday 3 rd	RS- 1 hour 15		K	Normal Lesson	Normal lessons		Normal lessons

Week 2

6 th November	Period 1	Period 2		Period 3	Period 4	Lunch	Period 5
Monday 6 th	Chemistry – Sports Hall Separate 1 Hour 45 Mins Combined 1 Hour 15 Mins		B	Normal lesson	English masterclass Normal lesson no timetable changes.		Normal lesson
Tuesday 7 th	English Literature – 1 hour 50		R	Normal lesson	Maths masterclass Year 11 go to normal maths teacher		Maths Paper 3 Sports Hall – 1 Hour 30 Mins
Wednesday 8 th	French writing 1 hour 15 Health and Social Care coursework focus Imedia- course work focus Food Exam all day		E	Normal lesson	Normal lessons		History Paper 2- 1 Hour Other students in RS
Thursday 9 th	Physics – Sports Hall Separate- 1 hour 45 mins Combined 1 Hour 15 Mins		A	French listening and reading 2hr Higher- Music room Foundation- Art room			Normal lesson
Friday 10 th	Course work focus day DT Art NCFE PE Business Drop down day		K				

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