

3 October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you that our Year 11 mock examinations will take place between Tuesday 4th November and Friday 14th November.

These exams are a vital part of your child's preparation for their final GCSEs. They allow us to assess current progress, identify strengths, and pinpoint areas where further support or revision is needed. The results will help both staff and students to focus their efforts in the months ahead and ensure every student is on track to achieve their potential.

I have attached the mock timetable to the bottom of this letter. This timetable will be available for parents to view on the Arbor app and your child will be given a paper copy.

To support your child in preparing effectively, I've invited our Heads of English, Maths and Science to share some subject-specific advice on how students should revise for these exams:

### **English**

For English Language, students need to know how to answer the questions on both papers. There are several past papers that can be accessed on <https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/> which students can use to practise with. We also recommend Mr Bruff and Mr Everything English who can provide further guidance when revising independently at home. Students will also be issued with past papers and Knowledge Organisers to help them answer every question to revise with over the half term holidays.

For English Literature, students need to have a secure knowledge of the texts and poems they have been studying. They will be issued with Knowledge Organisers over the half term holidays that will help them practise writing the essays they have been learning in class.

### **Maths**

Both Foundation and Higher tier students will sit three papers: one non-calculator paper and two calculator papers. Students are encouraged to have their own scientific calculator that they should bring to their examination. All students will be given a revision list along with an information sheet detailing a number of free maths revision websites. The websites mentioned in the information sheet have a wealth of videos, practise worksheets and exam papers that are free for students to use. All resources will be placed in their Teams channel. They will also be provided with a link to a 'HEAT MAP' which indicates the topics that come up most frequently, and it will help students to target topics for revision. The students have already been practising exam questions with their Dr Frost homework and therefore, they will have a bank of exam papers building up already. It is encouraged that students continue to do their Dr Frost homework in the lead up to the exams as this will benefit them greatly.

### **Science**

All students will sit three separate exams in biology, chemistry, and physics as part of this mock series. Those studying Combined Science (classes 11A3, 11A4, 11A5, 11B2, 11B3, and 11B4) will sit exams lasting 1 hour and 15 minutes each, while Triple Science students (11A1, 11A2, and 11B1) will sit 1 hour and 45-minute exams to assess the additional triple content. All students must bring a scientific calculator, black pen, pencil, and ruler

to each exam. Revision lists will be distributed in class, and students should check with their science teacher to confirm whether they are sitting higher or foundation tier papers. Additionally, students will be provided with a physics equation list and a periodic table during all science exams.

	Biology 1	Chemistry 1	Physics 1
Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cell Biology</li> <li>• Organisation</li> <li>• Infection and Response</li> <li>• Bioenergetics</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Atomic Structure and the Periodic Table</li> <li>• Bonding, Structure and the Properties of Matter</li> <li>• Quantitative Chemistry</li> <li>• Energy Changes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Energy</li> <li>• Electricity</li> <li>• Particle Model of Matter</li> <li>• Atomic Structure</li> </ul>

#### Science Revision Sites

- [Sparx Science](#)
- [Free Maths & Science Revision and Past Papers for A-Level, GCSE and KS3 | Cognito](#)
- [Welcome to freesciencelessons - YouTube](#)

#### **Independent Revision**

For the majority of students, revision is beginning to ramp up ahead of the exams in May/June. We would suggest that revision by this point is up to 2-3 hours an evening. Students have had lots of support this term with how to revise effectively and what works for them. They have access to GCSE Pod, Sparx Maths, Educake and Seneca Learning as well as revision materials accessible via Microsoft Teams. We appreciate your support in creating an environment at home for students to focus in, preferably without distraction from their mobile phone.

#### **Mock Exams – Malpractice**

In the mock exams we expect students to be acting with the same level of integrity as they would for the actual exam series. In the actual examination series, any breach of the rules would result in a disqualification (from the exam body) being imposed on the candidate. For the mock series we will omit any assessment where a student has breached the rules, and in some cases will need to report it to the exam board. Students will be removed from the exam hall without warning and, if necessary, will be asked to re-sit.

Malpractice includes:

- Having banned items on them during the exam. E.g. A mobile phone or revision notes
- Talking during the exam
- Turning around to face another candidate

Please find the candidate handbook for the exam series attached to this communication.

### **Mock Exam High Expectations**

As part of our commitment to excellence, students who do not demonstrate sufficient effort or engagement during their mock exams will be required to re-sit them after school. This is not a punitive measure, but a reflection of our belief that every student is capable of achieving great things when they apply themselves fully.

We ask for your continued support in reinforcing the importance of these assessments at home, and encouraging your child to approach them with the seriousness they deserve.

### **After School Revision**

To further support our students in closing any gaps in their knowledge, we are running a series of targeted after-school sessions throughout the year. These sessions are designed to help students consolidate key concepts, revisit challenging topics, and build confidence ahead of their exams.

Students are selected for these sessions based on their individual needs and progress and you will receive an email for the ones that they are invited to. However, if your child is not currently invited but would like to attend, they are very welcome to do so. We simply ask that they speak with their subject teacher to arrange a place.

We are committed to ensuring every student has the opportunity to succeed, and these sessions are a valuable part of that support.

<b>Week A</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<i>Maths KS3 &amp; English Y11, Media</i>
	<b>Tuesday</b>	<i>History, Geography, MfL, Art</i>
	<b>Wednesday</b>	<i>Dance</i>
	<b>Thursday</b>	<i>English KS3 &amp; Science Y11</i>
	<b>Friday</b>	
<b>Week B</b>	<b>Monday</b>	
	<b>Tuesday</b>	<i>Science KS3 &amp; Maths Y11</i>
	<b>Wednesday</b>	
	<b>Thursday</b>	<i>Drama, Music, RE, PE, Food, DT, iMedia</i>
	<b>Friday</b>	

**Man with the Orange Tie**

In addition, I'd like to remind you about our upcoming Revision and Motivation Evening on Tuesday 7th October at 5:30pm in the main hall, where we'll be joined by Steve Beckles-Ebusua, also known as 'The Man with the Orange Tie'. Steve is a nationally recognised motivational speaker and revision expert, and he will be delivering a powerful session for parents on how to support your child through the revision process. Earlier in the day, Steve will also be working with students and meeting some parents during school hours.

**Progress Evening**

Finally, please save the date: Wednesday 10th December, which will be our Year 11 Parents' Evening. This will be an opportunity to discuss your child's progress and collect their mock exam results. More details about this event will follow shortly.

Thank you for your continued support.



Chris Andrews  
Vice Principal

### Y11 Mock Timetable November 2025

#### W/C 3 November - Week B

	Mon 3rd	Tues 4th	Wed 5th	Thu 6th	Fri 7th
P1&2		Maths Paper 1 01:30	English Literature Paper 1 2.:00	Biology Paper 1 Trilogy 01:15 Triple 01:45	English Literature Paper 2 01:45
BREAK					
P3&4		Religious Studies 02:00	Geography Paper 1 01:30	French & Spanish Writing F:1:10 H:1:20	History - Crime & Punishment & USA 02:00
LUNCH					
Tutor-Time & P5		French Listening (Foundation) 00:45	French Listening (Higher) 01:00	Spanish Listening (Foundation) 00:45	Spanish Listening (Higher) 01:00

#### W/C 10 November - Week A

	Mon 10th	Tues 11th	Wed 12th	Thu 13th	Fri 14th
P1&2	Chemistry Paper 1 Trilogy 01:15 Triple 01:45	Maths Paper 2 01:30	English Language Paper 1 02:00	English Language Paper 2 01:45	Physics Paper 1 Trilogy 01:15 Triple 01:45
BREAK					
P3&4	Food & Nutrition 1:45/2:00	Media/Statistics 01:30	iMedia 01:30	Health & Fitness 01:30	Maths Paper 3 01:30
LUNCH					
Tutor-Time & P5		French & Spanish Reading F: 00:45 H: 1:00	Geography Paper 2 01:00		