

# The Gilbert School

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26<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

We hope this letter finds you well as we approach the end of January.

Year 11 students will be issued with their statements of entry for the summer examinations after half term. They will need to check these for accuracy and contact the Examinations Officer, Mrs Bowden ([ebo@gilberd.com](mailto:ebo@gilberd.com)) if there are any errors.

There are a range of practical examinations and NEA deadlines that students have been made aware of. These are outlined below:

Key Y11 Assessment and Practical Dates 2026	
26 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Food Practical Exams
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Food Practical Exams
16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>HALF TERM</b>
23 <sup>rd</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> February	German Mock Orals
26 <sup>th</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> February	French Mock Orals
2 <sup>nd</sup> March	French Mock Orals
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Drama Practical Exam
9 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Core Mocks Week
23 <sup>rd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Music Solo Performances
25 <sup>th</sup> March P1/P2	Dance Practical Exams (Trio Perf)
30 <sup>th</sup> March – 10 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>EASTER HOLIDAY</b>
15 <sup>th</sup> April	Dance Practical Exams (Choreog)
16 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup> April	German Oral Exams
21 <sup>st</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Art Practical Exam
21 <sup>st</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Textiles Practical Exam
27 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> April	French Oral Exams
TBC	<i>Practical PE Moderation</i>
7 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>GCSE Written Exams Start</b>

We are continuing to hold revision sessions for Year 11 during term time. These are also outlined overleaf. **Do please encourage your child to attend.**

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### Year 11 Term Time Revision 2025-26

Day	Lunchtime	After School (from 3.20pm)
<b>Monday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business Studies (Rm 41) starting Feb</li> <li>• Health &amp; Social Care drop in (Rm 25)</li> <li>• Science drop-in (Rm 15)</li> <li>• Textiles drop-in (Rm 104)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business Studies (Rm 41) starting Feb</li> <li>• Computer Science (Rm 102)</li> <li>• Health &amp; Social Care NEA Catch-up/Improvement (Rm 25)</li> <li>• History (Rm 64)</li> <li>• Music Coursework catch-up by individual arrangement (3.30pm start)</li> <li>• GCSE PE Extra Time</li> <li>• GCSE PE Revision (PEX, sign-up sheet in PE)</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Art drop-in (Rms 105,106)</li> <li>• Business Studies (Rm 41) starting Feb</li> <li>• French-Revision &amp; Exam Skills (Rm 33)</li> <li>• Health &amp; Social Care drop-in (Rm 25)</li> <li>• Textiles drop-in (Rm 104)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maths (Rms 38, 39, 50-53, 55-57, 103)</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Art drop-in (Rms 105, 106)</li> <li>• Business Studies (Rm 41) starting Feb</li> <li>• German-Revision &amp; Exam Skills (Rm 36)</li> <li>• Health &amp; Social Care drop-in (Rm 25)</li> <li>• Science drop-in (Rm 15)</li> <li>• Textiles drop-in (Rm 104)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• English (Rms 30, 40, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 81, 82, 83)</li> </ul> <p><i>Timetable will be advertised to parents and students</i></p> <p><i>Revision will be with own English Teacher in normal teaching room</i></p>
<b>Thursday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business Studies (Rm 41) starting Feb</li> <li>• Computer Science (Rm 58c)</li> <li>• Health &amp; Social Care drop-in (Rm 25)</li> <li>• Separate science – Chemistry (Rm 4)</li> <li>• Textiles drop-in (Rm 104)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Science (Rms 5, 6, 8, 10-12, 14, 17)</li> </ul>
<b>Friday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business Studies (Rm 41) starting Feb</li> <li>• Health &amp; Social Care drop-in (Rm 25)</li> <li>• Science drop-in (Rm 15)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Art drop-in (Rms 105, 106)</li> <li>• Business Studies (Rm 41) starting Feb</li> <li>• Dance revision (Dance Studio) starting after Feb Half Term</li> <li>• Drama revision (Rm 3, 3.30pm) starting after Feb Half Term</li> <li>• Food catch-up/revision (Rm 22)</li> <li>• Geography (Rms 62, 63, 68)</li> <li>• Health &amp; Social Care NEA Catch-up/Improvement (Rm 25)</li> <li>• Music Coursework catch-up by individual arrangement (3.30pm start)</li> <li>• GCSE Music Revision (3.30pm start/Rm 72)</li> </ul>

In addition, there are revision sessions being held over half term to support students:

### Year 11 February Half Term Revision 2026

Day	Year Group	Subject	Approximate Timings	Rooms	Teachers	Session Details
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February</b>	11	Textiles	09:00-13:00	104	HWO	
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February</b>	11	Science	09:00-12:00	5, 7, 8	CAL, CWI, SWO	GCSE revision
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February</b>	10/11	H&SC	09:00-12:00	15, 25	KCH, KHU	Coursework catch-up/improvement
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February</b>	11	Maths	09:00-12:00	39, 55	JMC, NMA	Invitation Only
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February</b>	No Revision Sessions					

The teachers overseeing these sessions will contact parents/carers directly regarding these. Details of the revision sessions taking place during the Easter and May holidays are still being finalised.

Year 11 have another set of mock examinations in the core subjects during the week of 9<sup>th</sup> March. These examinations provide students with another opportunity to experience the examination conditions that they will face in the summer series. The schedule for the mocks is outlined overleaf.

### Year 11 'Core Subject' Mock Timetable - March 2026

Day	Week B Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> March
AM Exams 09:00 start	<b>English Language Paper 1 1hr45</b>	<b>Biology Separate - 1hr45 Combined - 1hr10</b>	<b>Maths Paper 3 Calculator 1hr30</b>	<b>English Language Paper 2 1hr45</b>	<b>No Exams Normal Lessons all day</b>
Break					
Pd 3	Normal Lesson	Normal Lesson	Normal Lesson	Normal Lesson	
Pd 4 - Lunch					
PM Exams 12:50 start	<b>Maths Paper 1 Non-Calculator 1hr30</b>	<b>Maths Paper 2 Calculator 1hr30</b>	<b>Chemistry Separate - 1hr45 Combined - 1hr10</b>	<b>Physics Separate - 1hr45 Combined - 1hr10</b>	

Assessments in the non-core subjects are continuing throughout the term when it is appropriate for each subject. Please note that the JCQ contingency date for the summer 2026 examination series is Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> June. Students need to be available on this date should an examination be rescheduled by the examination boards/JCQ for any reason, so please do not book holidays until after this date. The full examination timetable can be viewed on our website.

As we approach the summer examinations, we shall publish some FAQs to support students and parents/carers with the finer details of the examination season. We shall also put together a detailed calendar of examinations, lessons, and study sessions.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards



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