

The Gilbert School

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22nd October 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

It was lovely to see many of you at our Year 11 Information Evening last week. We hope you found it useful. The presentations from the evening can be found on the school website by clicking the following links:

[Year 11 Presentation](#)

[Oxbridge Presentation](#)

[Parent/Carer Survey - please complete](#)

Mock Written Examinations – Tuesday, 1st December to Thursday, 10th December

The timetable for these examinations is attached to this letter. Please note that students who receive extra time as part of their exam access arrangements, may finish slightly later than the usual school day on these occasions to accommodate the longer afternoon examinations. Students will be expected to comply with JCQ regulations throughout the mock examinations and will be reminded of these prior to the mock period.

Mock Practical Examinations

French/German Orals	Friday, 16 th October (A week) Monday 19 th October, Wednesday 21 st to Friday, 23 rd October (B week)
Art	Friday, 11 th December (B week)
Textiles	Friday, 11 th December (B week)

PE Practical Examinations

These take place during the week of 14th December and contribute towards students GCSE practical grades.

Revision Support

To support students with their examination preparation, revision sessions are taking place as outlined on the next page.

Revision sessions after school usually last from 3.20pm until 4.15pm. Students should arrive promptly, be prepared to take an active role and adhere to the Student Code of Conduct. They are expected to stay for the full session.

To support and encourage students to attend revision sessions, they have been given a revision card to take to the sessions which their teachers will sign. Completed revision cards will lead to rewards.

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Should you have any subject specific queries, please contact your child's subject teacher or the relevant Subject/Curriculum Leader. We shall continue to provide you with updates as we move throughout the academic year by email. Please, therefore, ensure that you inform us should you change your email address.

Thank you, as always for your continued support.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'A Bird', with a horizontal line underneath.

Amanda Bird
Deputy Headteacher

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'T Ratcliffe', with a large, sweeping flourish underneath.

Tom Ratcliffe
Head of Year 11

Year 11 Term Time Revision 2026-27

Day	Lunchtime	After School (from 3.20pm)
Monday	• DT drop-in (Rm 29) • Health & Social Care drop-in (Rm 25) • Tassomai catch-up (Rm 15) • Textiles drop-in (Rm 104)	• Computer Science (Rm 102) • DT Coursework catch-up (Rm 29) • Music Coursework catch-up (invitation only/3.30pm start) • GCSE PE Extra Time (invitation only) • GCSE PE Revision (PEX, sign-up sheet in PE) • Geography (Rms 61, 62, 63, 68)
Tuesday	• Art drop-in (Rms 105, 106) • GCSE French drop-in (Rm 35) • French Speaking (Rm 33) • Health & Social Care drop-in (Rm 25) • RE (Rm 4/Week B) <i>starting 10.11.26</i> • Tassomai catch-up (Rm 15) • Textiles drop-in (Rm 104)	• Maths (Rms 38, 39, 50-53, 55-57, 103)
Wednesday	• Health & Social Care drop-in (Rm 25) • Tassomai catch-up (Rm 15) • Textiles drop-in (Rm 104)	• English (Rms 30, 40, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 81, 82, 83) <i>Revision will be with own English Teacher in normal teaching room</i>
Thursday	• Visual German (Rm 34) Week B • Health & Social Care drop-in (Rm 25) • Extra Maths (Rm 42) • Tassomai catch-up (Rm 15)	• Science (Rms 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 17)
Friday	• Art drop-in (Rms 105, 106) • Health & Social Care drop-in (Rm 25) • Tassomai catch-up (Rm 15)	• Art drop-in and Masterclasses (Rm 105) • Business Studies (Rm 41) • Dance revision (Dance Studio) <i>starting 26.2.27</i> • Drama revision (Rm 3/3.30pm) <i>starting 26.2.27</i> • Food catch-up/revision (Rm 22) • German drop-in (Rm 37) • Health & Social Care NEA Catch-up/Improvement (Rm 25) • Music Coursework catch-up (invitation only/3.30pm start) • GCSE Music Revision (Rm 72/3.30pm start) <i>starting 26.2.27</i> • History (Rm 64/3.30pm start)

YEAR 11 MOCK EXAM TIMETABLE 1ST DECEMBER (WEEK A) TO 11TH DECEMBER 2026 (WEEK B)

Day	Monday A 30/11	Tuesday A 1/12	Wednesday A 2/12	Thursday A 3/12	Friday A 4/12	Monday B 7/12	Tuesday B 8/12	Wednesday B 9/12	Thursday B 10/12	Friday B 11/12
AM Exams 9am start	Inset Day		Maths Paper 1 Non Calc 1hr30	Eng Lang 1hr45	Maths Paper 2 Calc 1hr30	Eng Lit 1hr45	Chemistry Separate - 1hr45 Combined - 1hr10	Maths Paper 3 Calc 1hr30	Physics Separate - 1hr45 Combined - 1hr10	Art all day Textiles all day Catch Up day Arrangements TBC
Break										
Pd 3		Normal Lesson	Normal Lesson	Normal Lesson	Normal Lesson	Normal Lesson	Normal Lesson	Normal Lesson	Normal Lesson	
Pd 4 Early Lunch		Early lunch Except STEPS and Triple Science	Early lunch Except Music	Early lunch Except Art, textiles and Music	Early lunch ALL	Early lunch Except PACE & STEPS	Normal Lunch 2pm start	Normal Lunch 2pm start	Early lunch Music students only	Art all day Textiles all day Catch Up day Arrangements TBC
PM Exams 12:50 start	Inset Day	Option A Except STEPS, & Triple Science Bus Studies - 1hr45 PE - 1hr50 Geog - 1hr 30 History 1hr 50	Option D Except Music CS - 1hr30 Dance - 1hr30 DT - 1hr45 PE - 1hr50 RS - 1hr45 Bus Studies - 1hr45 Drama - 1hr45 Food - 1hr 45 Geog - 1hr 45 History 1hr 50	Option C Except Art, Textiles & Music. Drama - 1hr45 Food - 1hr45 PE - 1hr50 DT - 1hr45 RS - 1hr45 H&SC - 1hr15 Geog - 1hr 30 History 1hr 50 Bus Studies-1hr45	Biology Separate - 1hr45 Combined - 1hr10	Option B Except PACE & STEPS Bus Studies-1hr45 French Writing - 1hr15 (F) - 1hr20 (H) German Writing - 1hr15 (F) - 1hr20 (H) H&SC - 1hr15 PE - 1hr50 Geog - 1hr 30 History 1hr 50 DT - 1hr45 RS - 1hr45	French Reading - 1hr (H) - 45m (F) German Listening - 1hr (H) - 45m (F)	German Reading - 1hr (H) - 45m (F) French Listening - 1hr (H) - 45m (F)	Music All Option Blocks 1hr30	Textiles all day Catch Up day Arrangements TBC