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Dear Parents/Carers

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

Year 11 Presentation Oxbridge Presentation

Mock Written Examinations - Monday, 1st December to Thursday, 11th December

The timetable for these examinations is attached to this letter. Please note that where a child has extra time as part of their exam access arrangements, they might finish the school day a little later on these occasions. Students will be expected to comply with JCQ regulations throughout the mock examinations. They will be reminded of these shortly.

Mock Practical Examinations

French/German Orals Tuesday, 21st October and Wednesday, 22nd October (B week)

Art Friday, 12th December (B week)
Textiles Friday, 12th December (B week)

PE Practical Examinations

These take place during the week of 15th 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 3.30pm until 4.15pm. Students are asked to be prompt, prepared and to take an active role, adhering to the Student Code of Conduct. They are expected to stay for the duration of the 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.

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

Thank you, as always for your support.

Kind regards

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Day	Lunchtime	After School (from 3.20pm)			
Monday	 Health & Social Care drop in (Rm 25) Science drop-in (Rm 15) Textiles drop-in (Rm 104) 	 Business Studies (Rm 41) Health & Social Care NEA Catch-up/Improvement (Rm 25) History (Rm 64) Music Coursework catch-up by individual arrangement (3.30pm start) GCSE PE Extra Time (after Oct half term) GCSE PE Revision (PEX, sign-up sheet in PE) 			
Tuesday	 Art drop-in (Rms 105,106) French Exam Skills (Rm 33) Health & Social Care drop-in (Rm 25) Textiles drop-in (Rm 104) 	• Maths (Rms 38, 39, 50-53, 55-57, 103)			
Wednesday	 Art drop-in (Rms 105, 106) German Exam Skills (Rm 36) Health & Social Care drop-in (Rm 25) Science drop-in (Rm 15) Textiles drop-in (Rm 104) 	English (Rms 30, 40, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 81, 82, 83) Timetable will be advertised to parents and students Revision will be with own English Teacher in normal teaching room			
Thursday	 Health & Social Care drop-in (Rm 25) Separate science – Chemistry (Rm 4) Textiles drop-in (Rm 104) 	• Science (Rms 5, 6, 8, 10-12, 14, 17)			
Friday	Business Studies (Rm 41) Computer Science (Rm 58c) Health & Social Care drop-in (Rm 25) Science drop-in (Rm 15)	 Art drop-in (Rms 105, 106) Business Studies (Rm 41) Drama revision (Rm 3, 3.30pm start) Food catch-up/revision (Rm 22) Geography (Rms 62, 63, 68) Health & Social Care NEA Catch-up/Improvement (Rm 25) Music Coursework catch-up by individual arrangement (3.30pm start) GCSE Music Revision (3.30pm start/Rm 72) 			

RE - revision days to be confirmed (after December mocks)

YEAR 11 MOCK EXAM TIMETABLE 1ST DECEMBER (WEEK A) TO 12TH DECEMBER 2025 (WEEK B)

Friday B 12/12	Art all day Textiles all day Contingency Day Arrangements TBC		Contingency Day		Arrangements TBC	
Thursday B 11/12	Separate - 1hr45 Combined - 1hr10		Normal Lesson	Early lunch	Music students	Music All Option Blocks 1hr30
Wednesday B 10/12	History All Option Blocks 1hr50		Normal Lesson	Early lunch	French & German students	German Reading - 1hr (H) - 45m (F) French Listening - 1hr (H) - 45m (F)
Tuesday B 9/12	Except Geography, History, STEPs & Textiles CS - 1hr30 Dance - 1hr30 DT - 1hr45 H&SC - 1hr45 RS - 1hr45 RS - 1hr45 Bus Studies - 1hr45 Drama - 1hr45 Food - 1hr 45		Normal Lesson	Early lunch	ALL	Maths Paper 3 Calc Thr30
Monday B 8/12	Eng Lit 1hr45		Normal Lesson	Early lunch	French & German students	French Reading - 1hr (H) - 45m (F) German Listening - 1hr (H) - 45m (F)
Friday A 5/12			Normal Lesson	Early lunch	ALL	Chemistry Separate - 1hr45 Combined - 1hr10
Thursday A 4/12	Geography All Option Blocks 1hr30		Normal Lesson	Early lunch	ALL	Maths Paper 2 Calc 1hr30
Wednesday A 3/12	Biology Separate - 1hr45 Combined - 1hr10		Normal Lesson	Early Lunch	Except Geography, History, STEPs, & Separate Science	Option A Except Geography, History, STEPs, & Separate Science Bus Studies - 1hr45 PE - 1hr45
Tuesday A 2/12	Dotton B Except Geography, History, Music, taxtles, PACE & STEPs Bus Studies-1hr45 French Writing -1hr15 (F) -1hr20 (H) German Writing -1hr15 (F) -1hr20 (H) Hassc -1hr45 PE - 1hr45		Normal Lesson	Early lunch	Except Art, Geography, History, Music, & STEPs	Option C Except Art, Geography, History, Music, & STEPs STEPs Drama - 1hr45 Food - 1hr45 Food - 1hr45 CS - 1hr30 DT - 1hr45 RS - 1hr45 RS - 1hr45 H&SC - 1hr30
Monday A 1/12	Eng Lang		Normal Lesson	Early lunch	ALL	Maths Paper 1 Non Calc 1hr30
Day	AM Exams 9am start	Break	Pd3	Pd 4	Early	PM Exams 12:50 start