

Dear Parents/Carers

Please find below some key information and dates that affect Year 11 students during their final GCSE year. The school calendar and website is a constant source of information, but hopefully this supporting information will prove useful.

The mock process will provide an excellent acid test and rehearsal for the summer exams and students will spend some time reflecting on this during January. The main focus immediately after Christmas will be transition to post 16 studies. As Learning Manager, I will be part of the support throughout this period, which will also include support from the Sixth form team, form tutors and the careers department.

Yours faithfully
Mr Wilson
Year 11 Manager

KEY DATES

Y11 Mock Exams	Monday 20th November
Post 16 Options evening	Wednesday 10th January
Y11 Parents Evening	Wednesday 17th January
Student - Sixth form Taster Day	Thursday 1st February
Sixth form application Deadline	Friday 23rd February
GCSE exam season commences	Monday 14th May
Year 11 Leavers date & final assembly	Friday 25th May
Final GCSE exam date	Friday 22nd June
Leavers Prom	Thursday 28th June

KEY INFORMATION

- Application pack and prospectuses for Sixth form will be distributed by form tutors during the first week back after the Christmas Holidays.
- Year 11 students will leave school on Friday 25th May. Attendance up to this point is a legal requirement, so all students are expected to be in school until this point. Lessons will continue with specific exam preparation up to this date.
- A structured extra-curricular revision programme will be offered to students in the lead up to their summer exams.
- Students have all been offered a careers appointment with Lucy Hazelton and I strongly advise them to take up this offer. I would also encourage parents and carers to be present at this meeting if possible.
- Prom & Year book committees have now been formed, so more information about these areas will follow throughout the year.

COURSEWORK DEADLINES AND REVISION PROPOSALS

Art and Digital Photography (DP)

Event	Week	Date	Time	Reason
GCSE Digital Photography (DP) Mock Exam Trip	A	Tuesday 7 th November	All Day	To enable a photography shoot on location for the Year 11 Mock exams
GCSE Art Exam research Trip	B	Thursday 25 th January	All Day	To enable primary research for the Year 11 Art exams
GCSE Art & DP Coursework Deadline		Wednesday 31st January		
GCSE DP Exam Day 1	A	Tuesday 30 th January	All Day	To enable a photography shoot on location for the Year 11 real exams
GCSE DP Real Exam Day 2	B	Wednesday 9 th May	All Day	Second session of the GCSE exam.
GCSE Art Real Exam Day 1	B	Thursday 10 th May	All Day	Real Exam Day
GCSE Art Real Exam Day 2	B	Friday 11 th May	All Day	Real Exam Day
Art on a summers evening	A	Wednesday 5 th July	Chaloner Hall	7pm -8.30pm
Revision-Refinement Sessions	Wednesday Lunch and Wednesday after school until 5pm (Open house every lunch A5)			

Students have two projects left within the coursework, the one they are currently working on and the Year 11 Mock.

LANGUAGES

Revision

A revision programme for Languages will start after February half term although individual members of staff will hold extra sessions as and when they feel support is needed.

Exams

Mock

Mocks as per the calendar and there will be a mock speaking as well as reading, listening and writing papers.

Summer

Speaking exams will take place prior to the written exams sometime between the 9th April and 11th May as decided by the department later in the year.

MUSIC

Revision

Members of staff will hold extra sessions as and when they feel support is needed.

Exams

Performance dates:

Week of 11th December

Week of 19th March

Weeks of 16-27th April (Final Performances)

Composition 1:

Friday 17th November

Composition 2:

23rd March

FINAL Deadline for everything is **Friday 27th April**

DRAMA & PERFORMING ARTS

Revision

Revision sessions are Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes at the moment. After half term we will offer Tuesday after school and Thursday lunch.

Exam

Drama

Moderation for Devised Drama is the week beginning 6th November.

Moderation for their scripted Drama is likely to be the week beginning 6th March.

Performing Arts

Performance Coursework 1 - Mid Nov

Performance Coursework 2 - March

Individual showcase May

RESISTANT MATERIALS, PRODUCT DESIGN, TEXTILES

<p><u>Revision</u> Afterschool workshop sessions begin January 9th and continue through to Easter.</p>	<p><u>Coursework</u> Final deadline for all coursework is the Easter Holidays (Thursday 29th March).</p>
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BUSINESS STUDIES & ECONOMICS

<p><u>Revision</u> Members of staff will hold extra sessions as and when they feel support is needed.</p>	<p><u>Coursework</u> Coursework should all be completed by 18/12/17</p>
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PHYSICAL EDUCATION / BTEC SPORT

<p><u>Revision</u></p> <p>Revision sessions both after school and at lunch in the lead up to the summer exams.</p> <p>Revision at lunch: coursework drop in / help sessions currently every Thursday lunch.</p> <p><u>Other Key Information</u> 'mypeexam' is an online tool they can use at home for revision with videos and quizzes. PE revision guides and work books can be accessed via parent pay prior to half term. Students are encouraged to attend clubs to help increase their practical marks.</p>	<p><u>Coursework</u></p> <p>Final deadlines for Coursework - being completed over the next 8 weeks, in lessons and at home. An hour a week has been set for homework.</p> <p>Final completion will be in lessons and it is due in prior to mock exams.</p> <p>Moderation dates - TBC but most likely end of April.</p>
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COMPUTER SCIENCE AND IT

<p><u>Revision</u></p> <p><u>Computer Science & IT</u> Lunch time sessions to begin 30th October in L2 to complete overdue Activities for Controlled Assessment.</p> <p>Theory revision sessions to begin February 2018, both lunch and after school.</p>	<p><u>Coursework</u></p> <p><u>IT</u> Controlled Assessment, Activity 1 & 2 deadline for changes 5th February 2018 Controlled Assessment, Activity 3 deadline 26th March 2018 Controlled Assessment to be completed by the 20th April 2018. Moderation will be done week beginning 30th April.</p> <p><u>Computer Science</u> Must have completed the NEA (all done in lesson) by the February half term. Students have 20 hours to complete in lesson.</p>
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History	<u>Revision</u> Sessions after Feb half term
Geography	<u>Revision</u> A revision programme for the mocks has already been sent to parents. The department also run revision sessions one lunchtime a few weeks before the mocks
Maths	<u>Revision</u> KS4 Maths Surgery is already up and running (Monday lunchtime in L53)
Science	<u>Revision</u> Sessions after Feb half term
English	<u>Revision</u> Revision schedules will go out in early October for the mocks and January for the real GCSEs and a schedule of support will begin from Early March. English Club is on every Thursday lunch time and is in M53 from 12.45pm. Students can work independently, be tutored or ask Miss Dawson anything about the course.
Ethics	<u>Revision</u> The department have started revision sessions with year 11. Students all have a timetable of the sessions in their book and one is available in the dept. They take place at lunchtime on either a Monday, Wednesday or Friday. Revision guides will be available on parent pay to buy.