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29th September 2026

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

This letter outlines key dates in chronological order for Year 11 students and their families throughout the year. Please note that we reserve the right to amend dates to meet the needs of students.

1. Tuesday 29th September - Year 11 Parent information evening (in-person) at 5:30pm.
This event covers whole school updates, along with Year 11 focused information on mock exams, assessment and reporting timelines, GCSE exam timelines, revision expectations and strategies, attendance, support available and important milestones throughout the year.
2. Monday 12th October - Year 11 Exam information assembly to students.
3. Friday 16th October – Year 11 Mock exam seated timetables shared with students.
4. Friday 24th October - Year 11 "Destinations" report published.
The Destinations report is provided to enable your child/ren to apply to the post-16 provider of their choice with confidence. A grade will be provided for each subject. Grades will be determined based upon a combination of your child's FFT20 target grade, their Year 10 exams performance, and their progress and performance in class, with teachers using their professional judgement to indicate a realistic grade that could be achieved at the end of the GCSE course. Please note that, at the time the grade is provided, no subjects will have completed the course. The grades provided are not negotiable.
5. Wednesday 4th to Friday 6th November – Languages mock speaking exams.
6. Monday 9th November – commencement of Year 11 written mocks.
7. Weeks commencing 23rd November and 30th November - Photography and Textiles mocks. (Note that a separate arrangement will exist for Art due to the different configuration of exams throughout the course. This will be communicated separately).
8. Wednesday 9th December - Mock Results Day (period 5 for students) and Year 11 Reports publication.
Students will receive their mock results in a formal event in the afternoon. Year 11 reports published to parent(s)/carer(s).
9. Thursday 10th December: Year 11 Parents' Evening. It will be held in person and on site in the Main Hall, the Great Hall, and A Block from 4-7pm.
10. Week commencing 11th January: students receive "Statement of Entry" document.

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11. Week commencing Monday 25th January: Core Mocks (English, Maths and Science only).
12. Friday 5th March: Year 11 Photographs (individual, form groups and whole year group).
13. Thursday 11th March: Year 11 Progress Review Evening
14. Wednesday 24th March: final deadline for pupils to submit Non-Examined Assessment (NEA - often known as coursework)
If the deadline is missed the internal appeals process - details of which will be shared in November 2026 - will not be available. Following the deadline, and a period of internal standardisation and moderation, the Academy will publish raw marks (i.e. 60 out of 80) to students by Friday 16th April. Please note that we will not be able to provide grades or indicative grades based on this information. Grades are subject to change dependant on external moderation processes.
15. Monday 12th April 2026: all GCSE courses will be completed.
16. Friday 16th April: Year 11 Fun Run (period 5).
17. From week commencing 19th April until May half term: GCSE Revision programme (all subjects in timetabled lessons).
18. Monday 10th May 2027: GCSE written public examinations commence.
Please be aware that, in the case of national or significant local disruption to examinations in the UK, a contingency day for any missed examinations is on Wednesday 23rd June. This date is set by the JCQ (Joint Council for Qualifications).
19. Week commencing Monday 21st June: Year 11 Leavers' Assembly, date/time tbc.
20. Friday 2nd July 2027: Year 11 Celebration Event ("Prom"); details of time and location to be shared in due course.
21. Thursday 19th August: GCSE Results Day, 9:30am – 10:30am in The Great Hall.

We hope this letter acts as a useful foundation enabling you to support your child. In the same vein, we are organising a Parent Revision Workshop, details of which will be shared in the Parent Connector in the coming weeks. Please do attend if you are able.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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