

Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach the end of the half term I wanted to take this opportunity to share with you some key updates.

1. Feedback from Y11 Mock Exams

- Over the last 2 weeks students have taken part in their mock exams and we are pleased to say the students' conduct during the exams was generally excellent.
- It was the last opportunity for the students to be part of a whole year group exam prior to their GCSE exams.
- Teaching staff are in the process of marking exam papers then using these outcomes and combining them with other evidence (e.g. classwork, assessments, coursework etc) to decide upon accurate predicted grades for students. These grades will be shared with you after half-term and we will be analysing outcomes for every student to judge what steps need to be taken.

2. Form Time Intervention

- All Year 11 students continue to be part of this programme which provides an additional 75 mins worth of subject input each week (8.35 - 9am every Tues / Wed / Thurs).
- New groups have been created which will start on Tues 24th Feb and run for a total of 8 weeks. It is key your child is on time to school in order to make the most of this opportunity.

3. After-School Compulsory Revision Sessions

- Starting on Tues 24th Feb 2026 will be our second 'subject wave' of after-school sessions. The subjects involved in each wave and the relevant dates are as follows:

WAVE 1 - Completed	WAVE 2	WAVE 3
Maths / Art / IMedia / Business / Geography	English / Drama / Spanish / Ethics / Health & Social Care / History / Catering / Food	Science / Music / Design Technology / Engineering / GCSE PE / Sports Studies
Tues 6.1.26 Tues 13.1.26 Tues 20.1.26	Tues 24.2.26 Tues 3.3.26 Tues 10.3.26	Tues 17.3.26 Tues 24.3.26 Tues 31.3.26

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- We class these sessions as being 'compulsory' and we expect every Year 11 student to attend. We are investing a lot of time and effort into these sessions, with every member of staff across the school involved to allow for the sessions to have small group numbers and ultimately have the greatest positive impact on student progress.

4. English Intervention Sessions (in PE / Fit for Life lessons)

- New groups have been created for after half-term (starting on Tues 24th Feb) to support students in English. This could be to further develop progress already made to secure a grade 7-9 or to intervene in supporting students to achieve a grade 4 who aren't currently at that level.
- It involves the students doing an extra hour of English during 1 PE or Fit for Life lesson over a 2-week period. Therefore, over the next 8 weeks the students will receive an additional 3 or 4 sessions targeted to help them achieve their expected grade in English.
- I will send a separate text message to notify you if your child is part of this specific intervention.

5. GCSE Examinations

- It is hard to ignore the fact that the students' GCSE exams are approaching fast. Although the exact dates of the individual exams are still to be 100% confirmed, we understand, for example, that the first 3 subjects to take place in the exam series are Sports Studies (8th May), Drama (8th May) and English Literature 1 (11th May).
- We will share the exam timetable with you as soon as we can next half-term but taking the information above into account we have roughly 8 school weeks left prior to the start of the exams to work together (student, parent and school) to help your child achieve their best.

I hope all the information above makes sense to you. I also ask that you can support your child and express the importance of this next period of time for them. Of course, if you do have any questions regarding any of the updates above please do get in contact.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Best wishes,

James Redpath
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Key Year 11 Dates	
Tues 24th Feb 26	After-School Compulsory Revision Sessions re-start - WAVE 2 subjects
Tues 24th Feb 26	New Form Time Intervention groups start (English, Maths or Science)
Tues 24th Feb 26	New English Intervention Sessions start (takes place in 1 PE or Fit For Life lesson over 2 weeks)
Wed 18th March 26	Y11 SLT Review Day (15 min appointment) (you will receive a copy of your child's report 3)
Wk Beg 4th May 26	Y11 GCSE Exams start