

January 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

In order to prepare your child for their final GCSE exams (which start in early May 2026), all Year 11 students will be sitting their final set of mock exams in February (core subjects only – w/c 9th February). We have found that getting students to complete a final set of formal mock exams allows students to continue to get used to the routines and pressures of the summer exams, easing some of the pressures on students and allowing them to feel more at ease with the examination process. It is also an opportunity for teachers to identify any final gaps in knowledge, in order to set appropriate revision support (Victory Sprint) and interventions to support students in the best way possible.

I have attached a mock timetable which indicates the date and time for each of the mock exams (Monday 9th – Friday 13th February). Like with the November mock exams, students will have their own specific seat in their exam room, in which they will sit their exams. This information will be shared with students before the mock exams begin, so they are fully aware of where they need to go and sit, as well as being reminded of the process and expectations of sitting their exams.

Before each of the morning mock exams, students will have an exam 'booster' in which they will spend around 20 minutes with their subject teacher for some final preparation for the paper they are about to sit. These boosters are often interactive and aim to help calm students before the exam starts, as well as providing some final reminders about how students should approach the exam paper. Students from previous years, and the feedback gained by students following the mock exams in November, always mention how helpful they found the exam boosters in preparing them for examinations.

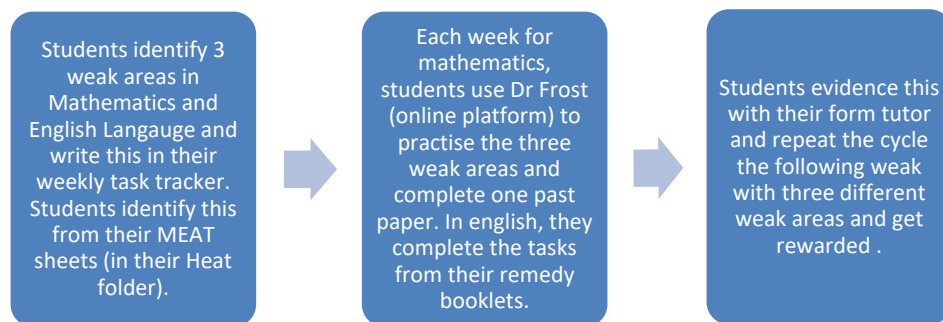
In addition to exam boosters, exam breakfasts will again be provided for all students. Students are encouraged to come into school early (we suggest 8:00am), to complete some final revision with subject teachers being on hand to answer any questions that students may have before the exam. Toast, fruit juice, tea and coffee will be provided for students during breakfast sessions, to ensure that students are feeling fully ready to sit their exam. Students must be in school and registered by 8.30am on mock exam days. If students are not, we shall be making phone calls home to find where students are.

In order to support students in what is going to be a tiring week – we have decided to cancel both P0 and P6 lessons from Monday 9th February to Friday 13th February. Therefore, students' school day will finish at 3.00pm for the mock exam week. To support students further, we will be doing walking talking mocks the week before the exams (WC 2nd Feb) where students will sit practice papers in exam conditions with subject experts leading through model answers. We will share more information with students nearer the time.

At this point in Year 11, we are expecting students to revise for these final set of mock exams which will again be used to inform predicted grades in your child's final report, before the actual final exams begin in May 2026. Your support in ensuring your child is undertaking independent revision is crucial and could make the difference in passing their upcoming GCSE exams.

All year 11 students have received individual personalised packs (Victory Heat) which contain a weekly task booklet, English MEAT (mock exam analysis tool) sheets, Maths MEAT sheets and Maths

past papers. Please see the diagram that explains what students will be doing and how they will use the heat booklets effectively.



Please feel free to contact our Curriculum Leaders for the core subjects if you need guidance/advice around revision for your child.

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If you have any queries or concerns regarding the final set of mock examinations, please contact myself or Mr Willis on:

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Kind regards,

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W/C - 9th February									
	Breakfast / Booster	Period 1	Period 2	Break	Period 3	Lunch	Period 4	Period 5	Period 6
	8:00 - 9:00	9:00 - 10:00	10:00 - 11:00		11:25 - 12:25		1:00 - 2:00	2:00 - 3:00	3:00 - 3:45
Monday 9th February	Maths Booster	Maths Non-Calculator Paper 1- 1h 30mins			Normal Lesson		English Language Paper 1- 1h 45 mins		No P6 Lesson Optional Student VIP
Tuesday 10th February	Maths Booster	Maths Calculator Paper 2- 1h 30mins			Normal Lesson		Biology Paper 2 Combined 1h 15 mins Triple 1h 45 mins		No P6 Lesson Optional Student VIP
Wednesday 11th February	English Booster	English Language Paper 2- 1h 45mins			Normal Lesson		Chemistry Paper 2 Combined 1h 15 mins Triple 1h 45 mins		No P6 Lesson Optional Student VIP
Thursday 12th February	Maths Booster	Maths Calculator Paper 3- 1h 30 mins			Normal Lesson		Physics Paper 2 Combined 1h 15 mins Triple 1h 45 mins		No P6 Lesson Optional Student VIP
Friday 13th February	English Booster	English Literature Paper 2- 2hr 15 mins			Students will be on extended break Normal Lesson		Catch Ups		No P6 Lesson Optional Student VIP