



Friday 11 October

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are now six weeks into the new academic year, and I am pleased to share that the Year 11 students have demonstrated an excellent attitude towards their studies and the new challenges that come with this crucial stage of their education. Their focus, commitment, and determination have been commendable and I am proud of the progress they are making.

As we continue to support their academic journey I would like to remind you that the upcoming mock exams are fast approaching. These exams are a valuable opportunity for students to gauge their understanding of the subjects, practice under exam conditions and identify any areas where further improvement is needed before their final GCSE examinations.

We understand that this can be a stressful time for students so we are working hard to ensure they feel supported both academically and emotionally. Your role in encouraging effective study habits at home is equally important. Simple actions like creating a quiet study environment, helping with time management and offering positive encouragement can make a significant difference to your child's performance and confidence.

Year 11 GCSE Mock Exams – October

Please see below a reminder of the schedule for Year 11 GCSE Mock exams, taking place week commencing Monday 21 October 2024.

Time	Mon 21st Oct	Tue 22nd Oct	Wed 23rd Oct	Thu 24th Oct	Fri 25th Oct
09:00	Y11 Maths Paper 1 Non-calculator (1h30)	Y11 English Literature (2h15)		Y11 Maths Paper 2 Calculator (1h30)	Y11 Physics Combined (1h10) Triple(1h45)
13:00	Y11 Biology Combined (1h10) Triple (1h45)			Y11 Chemistry Combined (1h10) Triple (1h45)	

Each student has received a personalised copy of their mock exam timetable, which indicates the room and seat number for each exam. Recent assemblies have also reminded students about the exam arrangements and guidance on what they are permitted to take into the exam with them.

Key information included:

- Water bottle with a sip lid only permitted
- No watches/ no calculator lids / no writing on hands
- No materials of any kind in pockets

For morning exams, students are to go to the canteen at 8:45am and, for afternoon exams, students should report to the canteen after their lunch at 12:50pm.

All rules for all mock examinations **must** be followed in the same way as the GCSE RE Examinations last summer. Finally, it is vital students are in their full NLS uniform and have the correct equipment for each exam.

GCSE Science Revision Guides and Revision Sessions

A reminder that GCSE Science (Combined & Triple Science) revision guides and flash cards are available to be purchased via ParentPay at a reduced cost. These are valuable resources and will support your child's GCSE Science journey. These will be available to purchase until **18 October**.

Please note, if you have previously purchased a revision guide or flash cards the listing will not be showing on your Parent Pay profile. Any issues please email: hhampson@northleamington.co.uk

GCSE Science revision sessions are also taking place every Wednesday after school in the small lecture theatre. A copy of topics being covered can be found on each science classroom door.

Sixth Form Open Evening

We are delighted to invite parents/carers and students to our Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday, 7 November. The event runs from 6.00 to 8.00pm and will be a wonderful opportunity to see what our Sixth Form offers, discover our rich curriculum and to meet teachers and ask any questions you may have. There will be talks from the Head Teacher, Head of Sixth Form and Senior Student Leaders in the theatre at 6.15 and 7.00pm. Students are receiving personalised invites in Tutor Time. Further information is also available in the [Sixth Form area of the School Website](#)

Year 11 Subject Evenings in Year 11 - Advance Warning

I would like to make you aware that there are two Year 11 Subject Evenings this year, where you can come into school and speak with subject staff. Please make a note of the following dates – **Monday 2 December 2024** and **Monday 17 March 2025**. Your support is so important in the triangulation of success, with the student, the school and parents/carers all working together to supporting our students to achieve the desired amount of 'currency' that will take them to the next stage of preference, in their 16-18 education and training.

And finally...

I will be taking a two-week paternity leave from Monday 14 October until Friday 25 October to be with my family and welcome our new baby. During my absence, should you have any concerns or

queries, please do not hesitate to contact your child's form tutor, or Mr. Atkins (matkins@northleamington.co.uk). If you have a safeguarding concern, please contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead Ms. Jones (hjones@northleamington.co.uk).

Thank you for your continued support, and have a lovely weekend!



Mr. Butler