



Friday 25 September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

I have been delighted with the positive start Year 11 have made to the new academic year. This is an important and demanding stage of their education as they prepare for their GCSE examinations, and we will continue to support them with guidance, advice and practical strategies through assemblies, tutor time and lessons.

As part of this preparation, our first Year 11 mock examination window will begin on Monday 19 October 2026 and will focus on the three core subjects: **English, Mathematics and Science**.

Year 11 GCSE Mock Examinations – October 2026

Please see below for the examination schedule.

	Mon 19th Oct	Tue 20 th Oct	Wed 21st Oct	Thu 22nd Oct	Fri 23rd Oct
08:45AM	Y11 Maths Paper 1 Non-calculator (1h30)	Y11 English Literature (2h15)		Y11 Maths Paper 2 Calculator (1h30)	Y11 Physics Combined (1h10) Triple(1h45)
	Mon 19 th Oct	Tues 20 th Oct	Wed 21 st Oct	Thurs 22 nd Oct	Fri 23 rd Oct
12:50PM			Y11 Biology Combined (1h10) Triple (1h45)	Y11 Chemistry Combined (1h10) Triple (1h45)	

In the weeks leading up to the examinations, students will receive a personalised examination timetable, including their seat numbers and examination rooms.

Please remind your child that:

- For morning examinations, students should report to the canteen for 8:45am.
- For afternoon examinations, students should report to the canteen at 12:50pm, following lunch.
- All mock examinations will follow the same expectations and examination rules as formal GCSE examinations.
- Students must attend in full NLS uniform and bring the correct equipment for each examination.
- It is particularly important that students arrive promptly and are well prepared for each examination.

Information about examinations, including the mock examination timetable, is available on our school website in the Learn section: **Exam Information**.

Preparing for the Mock Examinations

The weeks ahead provide an important opportunity for students to develop their revision routines and become familiar with the expectations of GCSE examinations. We will continue to provide guidance in school, but establishing good study habits at home will also be extremely valuable.

We encourage parents and carers to talk regularly with their child about their revision, help them to organise their time and encourage them to make effective use of the revision resources provided by their teachers.

Sixth Form Open Evening

Our Sixth Form Open evening is taking place on Wednesday 11 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 will be receiving personalised invites in Tutor Time with further information available in the Sixth Form area of the School Website

Year 11 Subject Evenings – Advance Notice

There will be two Year 11 Subject Evenings this academic year, providing an opportunity for parents and carers to meet with subject teachers and discuss their child's progress.

Please make a note of the following dates:

Monday 30 November 2026

Monday 22 March 2027

Further information about booking appointments will be shared nearer the time.

GCSE Revision Resources

In addition to the revision materials available to students through our Digital Learning Hub, we have also collated details of supplementary revision resources for GCSE courses on the school website. These resources can be found under **Learn → Revision** and include recommended materials from individual subject areas. We have brought these recommendations together in one place at the start of this academic year so that parents/carers can see the resources available and decide which, if any, may be helpful in supporting revision at home.

[Revision Resources Details on the NLS Website](#)

Working Together

The support of parents and carers is hugely important during Year 11. When students, school and families work together, we can help every young person to make the progress they are capable of and to achieve the GCSE outcomes they need for their chosen next steps.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to working with you and your child throughout this important year.

Kind regards,

Alan Boyes
Year 11 Lead