



Friday 14 November 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to begin by offering my warmest congratulations to you and your child on successfully completing their first set of Year 11 mock examinations. This milestone represents an important step in their GCSE journey, and I am delighted to share how proud we are of their efforts.

Throughout the examination period, students demonstrated an impressive level of maturity, commitment, and resilience. The invigilators commented particularly on how well-prepared and focused our students were approaching each paper with determination and a positive attitude. It has been wonderful to see them rise to the challenge and apply themselves so diligently.

The purpose of mock examinations is not only to assess current knowledge and understanding but also to give students an authentic experience of what their final exams will be like in the summer. They help to identify areas of strength and those that may require further development, allowing teachers to tailor support and students to refine their revision strategies. In many ways, the mocks are as much about learning *how* to sit exams confidently as they are about the marks achieved.

Looking ahead, our next round of mock examinations will take place during the week commencing **Monday 8 December** and will run until **Thursday 18 December**. During this period, students will sit exams in all their **core subjects** (with the exception of maths and combined science) as well as their option subjects.

	Monday 8 Dec	Tuesday 9 Dec	Wednesday 10 Dec	Thursday 11 Dec	Friday 12 Dec
08:50	English Literature (1h45)	History (1h50)	Physics (Triple only 1h45)	Computer Science (1h30) Textiles DOO8 (2h)	Biology (Triple only 1h45)
12:50	German L (F-45 mins, H-1h)	Geography (1h30)	Food (1h45)	German R (F-45mins, H-1h) French R (F-45mins, H-1hm)	Fine Art (2h) D101 NJN D017 CAC

	Monday 15 Dec	Tuesday 16 Dec	Wednesday 17 Dec	Thursday 18 Dec
08:50	English Language (1h45)	DT (2h) French L (F-45m, H-1h)	Business (1h45)	Chemistry- (Triple only 1h45)
12:50	Media (1h30)	PE (1h) Drama (1h45)	German W (F-1h15m, H-1h20m) French W (F-1h15m, H-1h20m)	Photography (2h) D113 CM H208 NN

In preparation for these upcoming mocks, I would encourage you to continue supporting your child by helping them establish a consistent revision routine. Encouraging regular breaks, ensuring they have a quiet space to study, and maintaining a healthy balance of work, rest and recreation can make a real difference. It is also helpful to talk with them about their progress and celebrate the small successes along the way, confidence plays a key role in effective exam performance.

The October Mock Examination results English, Maths and Science will be available to view on GO 4 Schools today. You will receive an automated email from Go4Schools with a link to your child's mock grade report. Click on the link, log into Go4Schools and the report will appear on screen. Alternatively, log into Go4School via your web browser (not the App), click on the Reports section; you will then see the report and can click to open it.

This is our first Mock Examination window in Year 11, focusing only on the Core Subjects. It is normal for the result of any mocks to be different than the predicted grade in that subject. We did not do a mock of every paper, and students will likely achieve differently in each component, students are also still getting familiar with the style of examination questions and the experience of being in a formal environment. These mock exams give students the opportunity to reflect on what they can do and what they need to improve in, with staff identifying topics to be taught to close the gaps in knowledge. This is a very important process with students gaining from the clear identification of key skills and knowledge that still need to be understood. Later this term we will publish Data 1 grades which are a prediction based on all information staff have. If you have any specific questions, please contact subject staff directly. We look forward to seeing you all at the first parents evening on Monday 1 December. Please see information below.

Year 11 Subject Evening For Parents/Carers **Monday 1 December from 4:30 – 7:15pm**

It is with pleasure that I inform you of the arrangements for the Year 11 Subject Evening, which will take place face-to-face in school. It is strongly advised that your child also attends the evening to allow them to hear the feedback their teachers provide.

All bookings for the subject evening will be done via SchoolCloud. Appointments can be made from Monday 17 November at 5pm and will close on Monday 1 December at 9am.

A number of students may have two teachers in some subjects, and where this is the case the system will allocate you one of these to book with.

Students studying triple science will not be able to see teachers from all three disciplines due to the volume of students each of these teachers need to see but will be allocated one or two to see who will have information from across the course.

As this is a subject evening you will be unable to book appointments with your child's Form Tutor due to their subject commitments. If you do wish to speak to them at any point during the year then please contact them directly via e-mail.

The attached guide will step you through the process of booking appointments.

All appointment lengths are five minutes, and we would encourage you to start with any specific questions to ensure there is sufficient time for these to be answered. If you need longer with a member of staff they may ask you to make an appointment to speak to them at another time, in order to keep the evening running smoothly. Year leaders and members of the Senior Leadership team will be available for any general questions in the student services area.

The most recent attainment and engagement data will be available via GO 4 Schools in advance of the evening and we would encourage you to re-visit this prior to the appointment and to be ready to ask any specific questions you have.

If you have any issues or queries with booking appointments then please contact data@northleamington.co.uk.

Careers: Year 11 Mock Interviews Tuesday 25 November

We are delighted that we have been able to secure a number of external interviewers from a range of local businesses and providers to support running Year 11 Mock Interviews.

The event will take place Tuesday 25 November and will be an opportunity for us to provide all Year 11 students with the experience of an interview and to receive feedback from it.

Students have been told that they are attending an interview for a generic job.

They spent some time last year creating a CV/personal statement in tutor time and we are encouraging them to update this and to print off a copy to bring to their interview so that they can receive feedback on that from the interviewer as well. We have set a G4S homework to this effect with a template that they can use.

To set the scene I have delivered an assembly and they will have completed a tutor session on:

- How to prepare for an interview
- The key elements to secure a positive interview
- The questions that they will be asked

Students will have received a copy of the interview questions and the questions have also been added to the G4S homework today.

Each student will have a 10-15 minute interview allocated to them during the day. The way they present themselves is a key part of the interviewing process so we suggest students wear their school uniform. Alternatively they may wear smart business-like clothes if they have them; it is not expected to purchase new items of clothing for this interview. For the boys this should be a smart shirt, trousers and shoes; for the girls a smart blouse or shirt, a skirt or trousers and appropriate shoes.

We want to ensure that all students have a positive experience, whilst presenting the best image of our students to our external interviewers and appreciate any support parents and carers can provide for their child during this process.

As their Head of Year, I must say how incredibly impressed we have been with the year group's attitude and approach so far. They are showing a real sense of purpose and determination, and confident that, with continued hard work and the support of both home and school, they will achieve great success in the months ahead.

Thank you for your ongoing encouragement and partnership, it really makes all the difference.

Kind regards,



Mr Royle
Year 11 Lead