



YEAR 11 BULLETIN

Friday 10th October 2025



We are very pleased to share another successful fortnight for Year 11! Character points have continued to rise each week, and it has been fantastic to see students completing their new 'Drive' section of their character cards by attending revision sessions and exploring their post-16 options.

Character points - earned both inside and outside of lessons - are an important part of the rewards and House system at Orchard Park. They also form a key part of the character references we must include as part of Year 11's sixth form and college applications. It is vital that Year 11 continue to earn as many points as they can to showcase their commitment and character beyond their grades.

Over the past two weeks, many Year 11 students have also attended their first careers appointment with our Careers Advisor. Every student in Year 11 will receive a one-hour meeting to discuss their future career paths and post-16 opportunities. This comes at a vital time, as we have discussed in assembly, with students encouraged to explore their next steps before the November PPEs begin.

We have shared a document listing all the local sixth form and college open evening dates with students and in our previous bulletin. You can find it attached again [here](#). Please discuss this with your child and book in for the ones they are interested in. We have informed Year 11 that they must make a minimum of one application when they return from October Half Term and a minimum of two by Christmas. As mentioned in our previous bulletin, students can apply to as many post-16 destinations as they wish. We encourage them to be ambitious and to apply to a range of providers with different entry requirements, keeping their options open as their place will depend on the results they achieve on Results Day in August 2026.

Thank you for your continued support. As always, please feel free to contact us with any achievements, concerns, or questions.

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Daily revision opportunities

- **Breakfast revision** led by Miss Coupland. 8.00am to 8.25am in the canteen every morning. Short revision worksheets provided, and free toast is available.
- **Working lunch** – In the SSC every day from 1.00pm to 1.30pm. This is a supervised, silent study session for Year 11 to complete revision and homework at lunchtime.
- **Champions' Hour** – In the SSC every day from 3.40pm to 4.40pm. This is another supervised, silent study session for Year 11 to complete revision and homework after school.

Year 11 shout outs!

Year 11s who have received individual nominations this week:

- Sai K, Eva R, Heather S (Period 0) – nominated by Mr Douglas for Excellence: well done for consistently thorough self-quizzing.
- Fiza R (History) – nominated by Mr Evans for Excellence: exceptional Cold War knowledge in every revision session.
- Rhys S (History) – nominated by Mr Vasey for Excellence: excellent exam questions technique for the Cold War paper.
- Lolly N (Maths) – nominated by Mr Busuttill for Collaboration: showing thorough understanding of solving linear equations and helping others.
- Keetan H and Chloe N (Science) – nominated by Ms Agboola for Excellence: thank you for helping the science department during open evening.
- Charlie D (Health and Fitness) – nominated by Ms Hansford for Excellence: completing the IT tasks for the health and fitness synoptic project first!
- Victor B (Health and Fitness) – nominated by Ms Hansford for Excellence: Completing the research project of the Health and Fitness Synoptic Project first
- Alina (Spanish) – nominated by Ms Goulbourne for Excellence: Excellent description of a picture in Spanish!
- Joe R (Music) – nominated by Mr Sahl-Taylor for Collaboration: For helping two students to record their solo performances by accompanying them on guitar. A real team player.
- Chloe D and Kameran (Maths) – nominated by Ms Devane for Drive: For combining skills of simplifying surds and equating coefficients.
- Regan P, Franky E, Simon G, Kiera W and Janice A (Science) – nominated by Ms Gazidedja for Excellence: excellent attitude to learning in chemistry.



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Revision timetable launch

Following great success last year, the revision timetable continues for our Year 11 students. The timetable has been carefully planned by subject teachers at Orchard Park to support Year 11 with exam preparation, including for the PPEs.

Each week, the timetable focuses on one topic per subject, making revision purposeful and manageable.

It includes specific revision activities for the topic.

Students have a printed booklet to track their progress, and a digital version is uploaded weekly to Google Classroom and the school website.

Every revision activity completed brings students closer to achieving excellent GCSE grades.

Parents/carers can access the revision timetable for Autumn Term 1, including October Half Term, here: [Year 11 Revision Timetable - Autumn Term 1](#)

Please discuss the revision timetable with your child each week and check in on their progress.

Key dates for Year 11

- **Year 11 Pre-Public written Examinations (PPEs):** 10th November – 28th November 2025 (The final timetable will be shared with students and families next week.)
- **Year 11 English Literature 'Big Write'** (assessment-style essay completed in English lessons) focused on 'An Inspector Calls' – Monday 13th October 2025.

Scholarship pathway: St Dunstan's five return to OPHS!

This week, we were delighted to welcome back five of our Year 11 students who are studying at St Dunstan's Independent School. All five students achieved the Wren Scholarship, covering 100% of their tuition fees at this prestigious school.

It was brilliant to hear about the fantastic opportunities they have embraced at St Dunstan's, as well as their valuable tips for success: including attending working lunch and champions' hour and revising early in preparation for the PPEs.

The students spoke to the Year 11 students selected for the scholarship pathway at Orchard Park – identified for their exceptional Year 10 PPE results and drive to succeed – sharing insights on interview preparation and making the most of every opportunity.

