



YEAR 11 BULLETIN

Friday 12th December 2025



Thank you to everyone who attended the Year 11 parents' evening yesterday. It was an important opportunity for students to receive feedback on their most recent Pre Public Examinations (PPEs).

We kindly remind you to read through the parent booklet you received at the event, as it contains a lot of important information to support your child in the coming weeks. This includes the additional opportunities we have on offer to support your child in Year 11, as well as information about the grading system.

Next week, students will receive their holiday homework list from each subject. This work is a vital part in helping students to address their PPE feedback and make improvements needed ahead of their final round of PPEs in February. Students should ensure they are balancing focused revision and homework with rest and time with family over the holiday. We will be strongly encouraging students to use their final week of term next week wisely by making a start on this homework. Working lunch and champions' hour sessions continue as usual.

On Wednesday next week, we will be holding the half-termly Year 11 awards assembly where we will celebrate their success for this term.

We are grateful for your continued support. Should you have any questions or require further support, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

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Post-16 applications

Now your child has received their November PPE results, please continue to support your child at home with applications to sixth forms, colleges and apprenticeships. Many sixth forms close their application portals before March, with some also closing this month.

We have had communication from Saint Francis Xavier Sixth Form this week informing us that as they have received over 1,000 applications, they will be now closing their applications early once the interview spaces are filled.

Please encourage your child to be ambitious, as well as applying to a range of destinations with different grade requirements to keep their options open. Students can apply to as many post-16 destinations as they wish and will then make their final choice based on the grades they receive on results day in August.

All students have been told to name one of the Year 11 team as their referee:

- Miss J Walsh, Head of Year 11 (jwalsh@orchardparkhigh.net) **or**
- Miss S Coupland, Assistant Headteacher – Student Outcomes (scoupland@orchardparkhigh.net)

Year 11 shout outs!

Year 11 students have earned so many fantastic shout-outs over the past few weeks! Here are some of the highlights:

- **Zhane, Dylan F, Keira, Regan L, Riley N, Lucia C** (Biology) – nominated by Ms Friday for Excellence: for exceptional enthusiasm and asking fantastic questions in biology.
- **Dasko, Charlie V, Cayenne, Arina, Aaron and Grace** (English) – nominated by Ms Moran for Excellence: exceptional effort in English: complex poem and they worked super hard.
- **Madeleine** (English) – nominated by Ms Moran for Excellence: well done for the most perfectly worded paragraph.
- **Safi** (Maths) – nominated by Ms Devane for Excellence: Safi demonstrated strong algebraic reasoning by recognising the difference of squares when simplifying the fraction. Her solution was used as a model answer for the class. Well done.
- **Chloe N** (Spanish) – nominated by Ms Goulbourne for Excellence: for always doing her best and for her excellent effort in lessons.
- **Janice** (Spanish) – nominated by Ms Goulbourne for Excellence: for attending extra revision sessions and for her brilliant work.
- **Niamh** (Spanish) – nominated by Ms Goulbourne for Excellence: for her consistent hard work and effort in Spanish.
- **Sai, Heather and Kamari H** (Computer Science) – nominated by Ms King for Drive: for focus in lessons and for always going the extra mile in class.



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Revision timetable

A reminder that the revision timetable continues throughout the year, not only during PPEs, for our Year 11 students. The timetable has been carefully planned by subject teachers at Orchard Park to support Year 11 with their daily revision.

- 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 2, including the Christmas holiday here: [Year 11 Revision Timetable – Autumn Term 2](#)

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

Health and fitness – synoptic project examination reminder

A reminder for parents/carers of Year 11 students studying health and fitness – your child's synoptic project examination is due to commence shortly. Please be aware that this is a formally invigilated final examination. The first three full-day examination sessions will take place on:

- Friday 12th December
- Monday 15th December
- Tuesday 16th December

The synoptic project constitutes 60% of the final health and fitness qualification and, although it does not fall within the summer exam series, it remains a final, externally moderated examination. It is therefore imperative that your child is present, punctual and fully prepared for these sessions.

Further examination sessions continue into the spring term. Ms Hansford and Ms Goodwin have previously sent letters confirming the individual schedules for each class. Please refer to this correspondence to ensure you are aware of your child's specific timetable.

Thank you for your continued support.

More Year 11 shout outs!

- **Charlie D** (Computer Science) – nominated by Ms King for Drive: for spending extra time revising on CSUK – working hard to ensure revision is embedded and achieving Star of the Week!
- **Vijay, Malachi, Rami, Jayda, Cara, Lucia A, Christos, Maya, Emyphil** (Maths) – nominated by Mr Baksh for Drive: for over 100 Sparx Maths revision questions answered this week.
- **Ziyad, Martha, Samuel E, Sophie J, Zephaniah** (Maths) – nominated by Mr Baksh for Drive: for the most Sparx Maths revision completed in the year group.
- **Cyron** (Science) – nominated by Ms Gazidedja for Excellence: great effort during Period 6 Chemistry. Keep it up.

Don't forget...

- **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. Another supervised, silent study session for Year 11 to complete revision and homework after school.

“Success is the sum of small actions repeated every day.”