



YEAR 11 BULLETIN

Friday 24th April 2026



Thank you for attending our final Year 11 parents' evening this week. Attendance was excellent and we really appreciate you taking the time to meet with your child's subject teachers ahead of their final, crucial weeks at Orchard Park High School. It was great to hear your positive feedback on the valuable conversations with staff.

Please take the time to read through the Year 11 Exams Information Booklet you received at parents' evening. It contains a lot of key information to support your child over the coming weeks. You will also find a digital copy [here]. You should have also received your child's individual exam timetable in the parents' evening pack.

A reminder that next week, GCSE French and Spanish students will take their first GCSE examination: speaking on Tuesday and Wednesday. GCSE Art students will also have their final two-day examination on Thursday and Friday. Written exams will begin on Friday 8th May.

Exams will run until 17th June 2026, with a national exam contingency date in place on Wednesday 24th June 2025. All students must be available until this date in case any national exams are rescheduled.

We would like to thank families for ensuring their child attends school on time, every day. Excellent attendance is key to achieving strong exam results. Missing lessons means missing essential targeted revision with teachers through our Year 11 'Exit Timetable' and final preparations for the exams. At this critical stage of their final year of secondary school, every minute of every lesson really matters.

Top tips for exam success

To support your child during the exam period, here are our top tips:

Punctuality and attendance

- Ensure your child arrives on time every day, ready for their exam warm-up session at 8.25am.
- Free breakfast is available from 8.00am in the canteen, with subject teachers there to offer support and encouragement.

Daily revision

- Encourage your child to continue following the weekly revision timetable on Google Classroom.
- Check in with them each day about what they have revised, helping them balance revision with regular breaks.

Evening routine and travel plan

- Ensure your child has prepared their bag, exam equipment, and uniform the night before to support a calm start to the day.
- Make sure they have a clear plan for early transport to school each day.
- Please note: if a student arrives late, the exam board may refuse their work, resulting in a score of zero with no opportunity for a retake.

A good night's sleep

- Promote a healthy evening routine, limiting device use and aiming for eight hours of sleep to support focus and memory for the exam.

Thank you for your continued support. Please contact us if you have any questions.

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Year 11 shout outs!

- **Cayenne Kamari, Keira, Kevin, Lucia C, Lexi Y** (Geography) – nominated by Miss Coupland for Drive: outstanding effort and contribution during the geography pre-release drop down lessons last week.
- **Heaven, Chloe and Aghibou** (Business) – nominated by Ms Baatjies for Drive: for excellent effort in Business lessons.
- **Alex McL** (English) – nominated by Ms Veall for Drive: for showing drive during the walking talking mock, excellent ideas and showing great perseverance throughout.
- **Tina** (Maths) – nominated by Ms Devane for Drive: for completing the entire topic booklet for Maths.
- **Emyphil, Ademoroti and Simon** – nominated by Miss Walsh and Miss Coupland for Collaboration: for always being super helpful at roll call and line ups with handing out resources.
- **Christos P** (Maths) – nominated by Mr Baksh for Drive: for completing extra maths revision
- **Zahmari, Joe, Robin, Cyron** (Maths) – nominated by Mr Busuttill for Excellence: for a huge improvement in marks gained in comparison to the last PPE. Well done.
- **Shakeel, Michelle, Ricardo, Marques and Cyron** (Science) – nominated by Miss Friday for Excellence: for a huge improvement in work ethic and responding positively to feedback in chemistry. Keep up the great work.
- **Janice, Dalanda, Ziyad, Molly, Valentin, Emmanuel, Aghibou, Deneria, Rami, Zahmari, Heather, Rhys, Marques, Hiritthik, Reuben** (English) – nominated by Ms Twyman for Excellence: for excellent focus during poetry revision lesson.
- **Baillo, Aryana and Heaven** (French) – nominated by Miss Smith for Excellence: for letting me use your excellent writing to live mark and give feedback to the class.



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Year 11 revision timetable

The weekly Revision Timetable for Year 11 continues to support students in their PPE revision, as well as with maintaining daily revision up until the Summer Examinations.

This timetable has been carefully designed by subject teachers to ensure students are revising:

- The right content, at the right time
- Using the most effective retrieval practice for that specific topic
- In a way that prepares them properly for exam-style questions

The Revision Timetable means that students do not need to guess what to revise or how to revise - following the timetable closely is one of the most effective ways to improve outcomes.

We strongly encourage students to:

- Complete every task on the Revision Timetable
- Plan when each task will be completed during the week
- Share completed revision with teachers for feedback, praise and rewards!

You can access this term's Revision Timetables [HERE](#).

Walking talking mock exam



This week, Year 11 students took part in two walking-talking mock exams for their English Language and Literature GCSEs, led by Ms Twyman.

Held in the exam hall, the lesson guided students through the paper with live teacher support, helping them build confidence and familiarity ahead of their final exams.

The English Department reported that students worked exceptionally hard throughout. Well done, Year 11.

Exam equipment reminder

Please ensure your child is fully equipped for every exam. They will need:

- **Clear, see-through pencil case**
- **Black pens (blue pens cannot be used in examinations)**
- **Pencils**
- **Ruler**
- **Protractor**
- **Calculator**
- **Clear plastic water bottle, with the label removed**

If your child needs any equipment, they should speak to their form tutor as soon as possible.

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.

Key dates for Year 11s

- **GCSE French and Spanish speaking examinations:**
Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th April 2026.
- **GCSE Art final examination:**
Thursday 30th April and Friday 1st May 2026.
- **GCSE exam contingency date:**
Wednesday 24th June 2026 (please do not plan to be away before this date).
- **Year 11 Prom:**
Thursday 9th July 2026.