



YEAR 11 BULLETIN

Friday 8th May 2026



The GCSE exam period is now underway, and we are incredibly proud of how hard our Year 11 students are working in preparation for these. It has been a fantastic start to the exam season.

Last week, our French and Spanish students completed their speaking exams with confidence. Our Dance students successfully completed Component 3, ending with a short farewell dance

together and our GCSE Art students completed their demanding 10-hour examination across two days. Ms Maddocks and Ms Pain were incredibly proud of the focus, resilience and quality of artwork produced – an excellent way to finish their course.

Today, our GCSE Drama students sat their written exam, marking the completion of their GCSE in Drama. Huge congratulations!

From Monday, all Year 11 students begin a full week of written exams, starting with English Literature Paper 1 in the morning. As outlined at Parents' Evening, students will attend an exam warm-up session before each paper - Period 0 (for morning exams) and Period 4 (for afternoon exams). These sessions, led by their subject teachers, provide key final reminders and help students enter the exam hall feeling confident. 100% attendance and punctuality remain essential during this period so your child does not miss out on any of these additional opportunities for their success.

A reminder that breakfast revision begins at 8:00am each day, with warm-up sessions starting promptly at 8:25am.

To support your child through the remainder of the exam period, here's a reminder of our top tips:

1. Punctuality and attendance

Ensure your child arrives on time every day, ready for their 8:25am warm-up session. Breakfast is available in the canteen from 8:00am, alongside short, focused revision tasks and support from subject teachers.

2. Daily revision with breaks

Encourage your child to follow the weekly revision timetable on Google Classroom. Short, regular revision sessions with breaks are far more effective than long periods of unfocused study.

3. Evening routine

Support your child in preparing their bag,

equipment and uniform the night before each exam. This helps ensure a calm, organised start to the day.

4. A good night's sleep

A consistent sleep routine is crucial. Aim for around 8 hours of sleep each night and encourage time away from devices before bed to support focus and memory. Studies show that cramming the night before an exam is far less effective than spaced revision over time, and often increases stress and fatigue. A well-rested mind will perform far better on the day.

We are here to support our students every step of the way over their final few weeks. As always, if you have any questions or require support, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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Year 11 shout outs!

- **Ademoroti, Kevin, Terina, Lucia C, Regan P, Blair, Cayenne, Charlie, Liam, George, Simon, Jai, Hannah, Nevaeh, Cara** (Geography) – nominated by Miss Coupland for Drive: fantastic work and participation in the geography exit timetable lesson.
- **Janice, Kevin, Laila, Blair** (English) – nominated by Miss Twyman for Drive: Attending English intervention and contributing excellent ideas.
- **Laila** (Science) – nominated by Ms Ebanks for Drive: showing commitment by completing extra revision sheets to an excellent standard.
- **Ben T, Liam F, Karman H and Yohan B** – nominated by Ms Ford for Collaboration: supporting a student when they were unwell at line up.
- **Laila, Jayda, Charis, Ziyad, Hrittik, Malachi, Dalanda** (English) – nominated by Mr Douglas for Excellence: excellent Paper 2 responses during the Walking Talking Mock, with thoughtful and detailed answers.
- **Jai K** (Health & Fitness) – nominated by Ms Hansford for Excellence: scoring 9/9 on the extended question.
- **Justice GJ, Blair S, Shakeel B, Emyphil G** (Health & Fitness) – nominated by Ms Hansford for Drive: first students to complete the homework early.
- **Alexandra B, Kamaran A, Joe T, Zianne OC** (Health & Fitness) – nominated by Miss Goodwin for Excellence: scoring the highest on the Rest & Recovery topic.
- **Baillo B, Valentin C** (Health & Fitness) – nominated by Miss Goodwin for Excellence: achieving the highest scores on training methods.
- **Keiron C** (History) – nominated by Mr Evans for Drive: Excellent work improving Paper 3 exam technique.
- **Justice, Daniel O, Holly MR** (RS) – nominated by Miss Pilsy for Drive: excellent work showing strong progress during exam practice.



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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](#).

May half term revision sessions

Following the huge success and excellent attendance at our Easter School, we are pleased to share that we will be running a similar programme during the upcoming May Half-Term for Year 11.

These sessions will provide valuable opportunities for students to continue structured revision, receive targeted support from subject teachers and maintain strong routines during the exam period.

Attendance at Easter School and May Half Term school last year made a real difference to students' final grades they received in Summer.

We will share the timetable of sessions available with students and families soon.

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

Year 11 shout-outs

- **Lucia, Shakeel, Dalanda** (English) – nominated by Ms Twyman for Excellence: fantastic effort revising *Inspector Calls* and contributing strong ideas.
- **Jai K** (Business) – nominated by HBA for Excellence: showing great improvement in exam technique.
- **Stephanie, Daniel O** (Business) – nominated by Ms Baatjies for Drive: attending business champions' hour.
- **Luca, Kevin, Lelas** (Maths) – nominated by Mr Clarke for Drive: completing extra work in maths.
- **Franky** (Maths) – nominated for Excellence: working hard in class with full commitment.
- **Feranmi O** (English) – nominated for Excellence: consistently impressive effort and high-quality poetry analysis.
- **Victor B** (English) – nominated by Ms Veall for Drive: strong improvement in essay writing and exam timing.
- **Laila, Zach, Emyphil** (English) – nominated by Ms Veall for Drive: strong effort and commitment in English.
- **Vijay S** (Science) – nominated by Ms Friday for Drive: consistent effort with written homework.
- **Aryana, Blair** (Science) – nominated by Ms Friday for Drive: completing optional revision tasks on Kerboodle.
- **Janice, Franky, Shakeel, Zahmari, Emmanuel** (English) – nominated by Ms Twyman for Excellence: strong contributions and effort during Language Paper 1 preparation.
- **Keiron C, Jayda F, Fiza R** (History) – nominated by Mr Evans for Drive: excellent attendance at revision sessions and strong effort in lessons and exams.
- **Emyphil G** (Health & Fitness) – nominated by Ms Hansford for Drive: Completing the homework extension.
- **Franky E, Regan P, Grace A** (Maths) – nominated by Mr Mathys for Drive: completing additional exam papers.
- **Blair, Cayenne, Hannah, Hollie, Kamaran Hannah, Chloe N, Shayaan, Malachi, Maya B** (Maths) – nominated by Mr Busuttill for Drive: completing additional exam papers for revision.
- **Emmi, Emyphil, Arina, Malachi, Sheila, Stephanie, Vijay, Aaron, Eva** (Maths) – nominated by Mr Baksh for Excellence: completing extra maths revision booklets.