

FAQS

Where can we locate the Year 11 Information booklet?

On our website [here](#).

Will you teach students effective ways to revise?

Yes – this is part of our *Skills For Success* weekly programme alongside subject-specific revision techniques taught within lessons

How do we get results from recent exams and mocks?

Students will be given results by their individual subject teachers and these will be discussed at Year 11 Parents'/Carers' Evening. Mock results will be published at data collection points.

How can we get lists of topics for revision in specific subjects?

This information can be found on the Student VLE under each subject area.

Will there be revision classes prior to the mock exams?

Reviewing topics and preparing for exam questions forms part of the curriculum. Students will also have time for revising for their exams during the mock exam period.

How long will study leave be?

There is no study leave during the mock exam period. During the main GCSE examination period, students usually commence study leave from the start of the first exam in the series.

Will we get clarity on how final grades will be evaluated?

At the moment, the final grades will be based on terminal exams in Summer 2022. In case there are any changes to that decision by the Government, we have been keeping detailed assessment records as evidence of student achievement and progress.

When will we find out the exam timetable for the Summer GCSE exams?

Our Exams Officer will put together a timetable and publish it as soon as we have confirmation from all exam boards about dates which have not yet been shared.

Will we get to see marked papers from last mocks?

Students will be given their mock papers to look over and identify areas for improvement. Parents can discuss mock outcomes with staff at Parents'/Carers' Evening.

Do we know whether any mitigations are being considered to take account of the learning time lost from Covid?

Yes – each exam board and subject has had adjustments to the content of the syllabus and exams to take this into account. Full details will be known by January 2022.

Is it possible to meet with the Careers Advisor in Year 11 even if you have talked to them in Year 10?

Absolutely – all Year 11 students will have the opportunity to make a careers appointment with our external expert advisor.

What is Peer Mentoring?

Year 12 and 13 students have been trained to offer academic and pastoral support to younger students. There will be academic peer mentors available in SA1 during lunchtimes to support Year 11 students with their revision.

Why are the mock exams in January?

This is to allow time to mark and moderate them and enough time to respond to any gaps in learning before the GCSE exams in May.

Will there be an opportunity for a follow-up meeting after the next set of mock exams?

We are happy to offer another virtual meeting in March.

What will predicted grades be based on?

Professional Predictions are based on actual student performance and what the teacher believes students are likely to achieve by the end of the course.

What is the expected progress from current grades to grades in actual GCSEs?

Students can make significant progress between the mocks and actual exams. It is not unusual for students to attain one or two grades higher if they respond to feedback and revise thoroughly.

Will there be extra support for those students who performed badly in their mocks?

Yes – we offer a range of subject specific interventions to support student progress as well as other initiatives such as peer mentoring, teacher mentoring and iAchieve programme.

When will entry to tiers be decided?

Final decisions are not made until after the final set of core mock exams in March 2022. Core subjects are Maths, English and Science.

Do you think the allocated time of 5 minutes at Parents'/Carers' evening is enough time to give all the feedback and answer any questions?

Due to numbers of students that teachers have in their classes, there is not the opportunity to lengthen appointment times at Parents'/Carers' Evening. However, parents can contact subject teachers with concerns at any time and make an appointment to discuss these at a separate time.

Where can we as parents obtain the key dates for the start of subject specific additional revision within school please?

An intervention and revision timetable will be published and shared with students and parents once regular sessions are established.