

Welcome Year 11 parents, students and carers to the Year 11 newsletter.

We are keen to keep you up to date on all things related to exams, careers and wellbeing. We want to make sure that this is a successful year for our Year 11 students, that they can take full advantage of the opportunities and support in place for them and that ultimately they go on to **great things**.

Thank you for joining us recently at our Year 11 Information Evening before the half term break. It was such a pleasure to see you all in person after what feels like a very long time!

During the Information Evening, we spoke to you about the importance of having the right organisational skills to be successful at GCSE, as well as shaking up the revision techniques that your child might be using at home. With that in mind, have you seen your child's revision timetable? They should have created one for the upcoming Mock Exams in December. A printable copy of it can be found on SMHW.

The **revision timetable** should be:

- Realistic
- Include plenty of breaks and treats
- Include after school sessions

A few ideas below to help your child **shake up their revision**:



Shake up your revision (1) Try a variety of revision techniques

Brain Dump

Choose a topic and write down as much as you can remember, without referring to your notes. Check your notes and see what you missed then try to fill the gaps without the notes. Check your notes a third time and add the missing information.



Flash cards

Write flash cards for each topic, in all subjects, then mix them up for the most effective revision. Check out the Leitner System for effective spacing and interleaving. Keep your flash cards simple – one question, one answer per card.



Map it out

Take an essay question or writing question and map out your answer, without writing a full response. Look at the mark scheme and decide if your plan meets the criteria. DO this for a number of questions, then choose one and write the full response.



Past papers

Ask your teacher for practice questions or exam papers. Complete them without notes under exam conditions, then check your answers and identify the gaps in your knowledge, so you can target your revision.

Current after school year 11 support sessions

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Music Composer's lab: All GCSE students who wish to work on their coursework. H119 w/ Mr Parsons</p>	<p>Root 2 Success: Maths Club All welcome – bring a question 3-4pm L13</p> <p>RS: Revision sessions W3 starting 8 November Mrs Clark/Mr Stone</p> <p>DT Open Studio: For all DT students Newton House 3pm</p>	<p>Bullers Works: Study Club L4</p> <p>Art Booster: S.Earl, for all GCSE Art students H103</p> <p>Media drop in: coursework 3.00 -3.30 C1</p> <p>Spanish: Speaking and writing practice- 3 weeks starting 16th November</p> <p>DT Open Studio: For all DT students Newton House 3pm</p>	<p>Bullers Works: Study Club L4</p> <p>Art Booster: J Bishop, for all GCSE Art students H104 H111 If using Photoshop</p> <p>Media drop in: coursework 3.00 -3.30 C2/1</p>	<p>Science: Weekly lecture Mrs Ozkan 3.10-3.40 S7</p> <p>Science: Drop in Mr Robinson / Mrs Malhotra 3.10-3.40 SA7</p> <p>Drama GCSE: Drop in revision Sessions and Intervention T3 3pm</p>



Please encourage your child to attend the after school sessions above



Also available to year 11 only- Lodge 1 every lunchtime!
Access to computers and revision materials, supervised by Mrs Uluadam.

Year 11 Mock Exams – December 2022

Date	LESSONS 1 & 2 (students arrive by 8.15am)	BREAK	LESSONS 3 & 4 (students arrive by 10.30am)	LUNCH /PD	LESSONS 5 & 6 (students arrive by 1.00pm)
Wednesday 7 December 2022	Sports Hall: Biology TRIPLE 1h45m COMBINED 1h15m		Sports Hall: RS 1 1h		Sports Hall: Computer Science 1 1h30m Food Preparation & Nutrition 1h45m
Thursday 8 December 2022	Sports Hall: Chemistry TRIPLE 1h45m COMBINED 1h15m		Sports Hall: History 1 1h15m		Sports Hall: Business 1h45m
Friday 9 December 2022	Sports Hall: English Literature 1 1h45m		Sports Hall: French/German/Spanish Writing HIGHER 1h15m/FOUNDATION 1h		Sports Hall: Health & Social Care 2h PE 1h15m
Monday 12 December 2022	Sports Hall: Physics TRIPLE 1h45m COMBINED 1h15m		Sports Hall: RS 2 1h		Sports Hall: Media Studies 1 1h30m
Tuesday 13 December 2022	Sports Hall: Further Maths 1h30m Geography 1 1h		Sports Hall: French/German/Spanish Reading HIGHER 1h/FOUNDATION 45m		Sports Hall: Technology 2h
Wednesday 14 December 2022	Sports Hall: History 2 1h20m		Sports Hall: Computer Science 2 1h30m PE 2 1h15m Music Room: Music 1h45m		Sports Hall: Drama 1h45m
Thursday 15 December 2022	Sports Hall: RS 3 1h		Sports Hall: Media Studies 2 45m		Sports Hall: Geography 2 1h30m



How you can support your child during their preparation for mock exams

- ✓ Give gentle reminders to eat properly, sleep enough and have time out to relax.
- ✓ Listen to your child when they want to talk about their studies and the pressure they may be feeling under. Ask them how they are coping with workload, subjects and the demands of GCSE courses.
- ✓ Ask them about what they would appreciate help with. Although they may say that they prefer to be left to get on with it – there is the danger that they are not really clear how best to study.
- ✓ Offer to help with testing or revising topics studied in class – a fixed mindset often means that students will avoid revision of subjects that they feel least confident with when in fact these are the subjects that students should be focusing on improving.
- ✓ Be positive.
- ✓ Give process praise rather than focus on outcomes.
- ✓ Accept mistakes as learning opportunities.
- ✓ Understand the role of emotions in learning.
- ✓ Ensure home-school communication.

Key date for your diary

All staff at Bullers Wood who teach Year 11 this year are looking forward to talking to you at the **Parents' Evening on Wednesday 23rd November**. Please do sign up for appointments on the parents' evening online system