

16 January 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Year 11 Update

Firstly, I hope that you and your families had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. Although we are only two weeks into the new term, I am sure that our Year 11 students will also agree that it feels like Christmas is a distant memory!

We are incredibly pleased at how the Year 11 students have returned to the academy, with most working well, both in lessons and independently.

Year 11 Mock Results

Last Friday students received their mock results for the assessments that they sat in December. (Please note that students did not have an assessment in every subject.) It was a privilege to present the mock assembly to students, where they went to the drama studio to collect their results in an envelope, as they will do in August. It was great to see the smiles on many of their faces, and I know that many were happy with the grades they received. This has been shown in the hard work that they have been putting into their studies. Students had a chance to stop and reflect, taking this opportunity to consider what they need to do in the run up to the main summer examination season.

During the assembly, I spoke to students about using this opportunity to identify what they need to do over the coming weeks in school; ensuring that they attend school, are fully engaged in their lessons and that they complete any home learning to the best of their ability. I spoke about the additional support we will be offering as a school, and I also reminded them that we are here to help – and it is never too late!

Year 11 Scan 2 Data

On Monday, students received their Scan 2 data. Like with earlier scans, students received a target grade and an expected grade. This is different to the mock grades received the previous week.

Target Grades show the aspirational grades that we expect your child to achieve at the end of Year 11.

You will also find an Expected Grade, which indicates the grade we feel at the present time, your child is on track to achieve, and their target grade by the end of Year 11. This grade is

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generated by subject teachers and considers a variety of factors including classwork, independent learning (homework tasks), assessment data and mock examination data. Students will also be provided with an attitude to learning for each of their subjects. For each subject, students will receive either Outstanding, Good, Coasting or Cause for Concern.

Supporting Students to Prepare for their Summer Examinations

With only 13 school weeks before the start of the summer examination series, the priority is to ensure that they are making every lesson count. They can do this by ensuring high levels of attendance to school, that they have outstanding attitude to learning in lessons and that they are completing all home learning to the best of their ability.

Some subjects also involve coursework, and students should ensure they are completing any coursework elements, so they are able to go into the summer series knowing that they have already completed some of the qualification.

Over the next 13 weeks, there will be two additional assessment weeks. Students should use this opportunity to start their revision (students will receive further advice about revision strategies in assembly next week and a copy of any supporting resources will be found on the Year 11 MS Teams channel.) The assessments will also give students and staff the opportunity to identify and close gaps in learning through targeted revision (please see further information below).

Additional Lunchtime and After School Revision Classes

Starting next week, Monday 20 January 2025, lunchtime and afterschool revision sessions will start, to help support students in their revision. These will run up to the examination series. A copy of the timetable is below and this will be shared with students.

In addition to this, there will be revision sessions during the Easter holidays and May half term (further details to follow).

Please could we ask that you support your child, and us by encouraging their attendance at the extra sessions. As I am sure you will agree this is an excellent opportunity for all students.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch time 1pm – 1.30pm	Geography GCSE PE Construction Statistics	Music – M25 History – LV12 Art Photography	Drama GCSE Food – Coursework support Construction	English Engineering – DT Construction – DT Geography	Spanish Sports Science
After School 3.15pm – 4.15pm	History Geography	English	Science	Maths	Spanish

February/March Assessments

After half term Year 11, students will complete assessments in some of their subjects. *Please see below the assessment schedule.*

All students will receive their individual timetable shortly.

Year 11 Assessment Schedule

Date	AM - 9.10am Start (Exam Venues)		P3/4 - 11.10am Start			PM - 1.30pm Start					
Monday 24th February	English Language P1	1h45				Construction 11A	1h30	On Screen			
						Spanish Listening	F35m H45m	In Class			
Tuesday 25th February	Biology	1h45				Construction 11B	1h30	On Screen			
						Sport Science 11B	1h15	In Class			
						Hospitality & Catering	1h20	In Class			
	Combined Trilogy Biology	1h15				Geography 11B	1h30	In Class			
Wednesday 26th February	English Language P2	1h45									
Thursday 27th February	Maths P1	1h30				Child Development	1h15	In Class	Spanish Reading	F45m H1h	Gym
						Sports Science 11D	1h15	In Class	Geography 11A	1h30	In Class
Friday 28th February	Chemistry	1h45									
	Combined Trilogy Chemistry	1h15									
Monday 3rd March	Maths P2	1h30									
Tuesday 4th March	Physics	1h45									
	Combined Trilogy Physics	1h15									
Wednesday 5th March	Maths P3	1h30	Sport Science 11C	1h15	In Class						
Thursday 6th March	Statistics (8.45am start)	1h30				Spanish Writing	F1h15 H1h20	In Class (extra time M34)			
	Further Maths (8.45am start)	1h45									
Friday 7th March											
Monday 10th March	English Literature P1	1h45	In Class/Access Rooms								
Monday 17th March	English Literature P2	2h15	In Class/Access Rooms								

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

If you have any further questions, please contact the academy.

Yours sincerely

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