

4 April 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 11 April Update

With GCSE Examinations just five weeks away, I thought this would be an ideal opportunity to update you with information about upcoming plans for students in Year 11.

We are very proud at how our Year 11 students have risen to the challenge and the level of commitment that students are showing to their studies in all subjects, both in lessons and outside of normal scheduled sessions (lunchtime revision sessions, after school revision sessions).

It has also been fantastic to hear from many students about the amount of time they are spending outside of school with their examination preparations – many students talking about their revision plans, their quiet revision place that they have made at home and the revision strategies and techniques that they have learnt in school and they have applied at home.

More importantly, I have seen first-hand how wonderful the cohort are, ensuring that even at this busy and often stressful time of year, they continue to display the SAX Mindset. This assures me that students will be ready for their next steps in life after South Axholme Academy. You should be immensely proud of the young people that you have raised – we definitely are!

Thank you to those parents for attending the Examination Preparation evening, which took place in school on Wednesday 26 March 2025. It was great to meet you all in person at this event.

Over the next pages I have provided you with some essential information about the upcoming events for the year group. If you have any further questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact the academy.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L Bullars'.

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Every Lesson Counts

With not long before the start of the summer examination series, the priority is to ensure that students are making every lesson counts. They can do this by ensuring high levels of attendance to school, ensuring 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, therefore, students should ensure that they are completing any coursework elements to the best of their ability, so they are able to go into the summer series knowing that they have already completed some of the qualification.

Lunchtime and After School Revision Sessions

As previously shared with both parents and students, staff have scheduled lunchtime and after school extra revision sessions that all students are invited to. Please encourage your child to attend these sessions. The schedule for these sessions can be found attached.

Year 11 Scan 3 Data – Monday 31 March 2025

On Monday 31 March 2025, Year 11 students and parents/carers received their Scan 3 data. Like with previous scans, students received a target grade and an expected grade.

Target Grades show the grades that we expect your child to achieve at the end of Year 11. This Target Grade is generated using the information from assessments we completed at the start of Year 7, with the students and comparing them with the historic performance of students of a similar ability nationally at the end of Key Stage 4.

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

This grade is generated by subject teachers and takes into account a variety of factors including classwork, coursework, independent learning (homework tasks), assessment data and mock examination data.

Students were also provided with an Attitude to Learning (AtL) for each subject and received either Outstanding, Good, Coasting or Cause for Concern.

Easter Holiday Revision Sessions

I have already shared with students the Easter revision sessions that staff will be running over the holidays. These sessions are open to all students and the schedule is attached to this email.

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

Summer Examination Series

The summer examination series starts on **Friday 9 May 2025**.

Please see attached a copy of the general timetable that has previously been shared with students and parents.

Please note that all students must be available to sit an examination on **Wednesday 25 June 2025 and on the afternoon of Wednesday 11 June 2025**, as these are the contingency days set by the examination boards.

Students will be attending school as normal during the summer examination period and will be attending their normal scheduled lessons or a pre-examination class when not in an examination.

Full attendance throughout the examination period is vital if students are to perform at their best.

Final Date Required in the Academy

On Monday 16 June 2025 there are two examinations – Physics / Combined Science Physics and Music. One or both of these examinations will require the majority of the year group. After this date, other than the celebration event mentioned below, students are only required to attend the academy for the examinations and masterclasses that week, namely GCSE Spanish Writing on Tuesday 17 June 2025 - AM session, GCSE Food and Nutrition Tuesday 17 June 2025 - PM session and on Wednesday 18 June - PM session Level 2 Further Maths Paper 2.

GCSE Spanish Writing – Tuesday 17 June 2025

Students who are sitting their GCSE Spanish Writing examination should attend the academy on the morning of Tuesday 17 June 2025, as normal and as soon as the examination has finished, they should arrange to be collected and sign out of the academy. Where students have transport issues, or have GCSE Food in the afternoon, they should attend their normal lesson and remain supervised.

GCSE Food Preparation - PM Session Tuesday 17 June and Level 2 Further Maths Paper 2 - Wednesday 18 June

This is a PM session, and students should arrive for 12.30pm and sign in and wait in the canteen before departing to the exam for a 1.00pm start.

Year 11 Celebration Event - Thursday 19 June 2025, Leavers Morning Assembly

We would like to invite all students to the academy on Thursday 19 June 2025, to celebrate their time at South Axholme Academy.

Students should arrive at the academy as normal (they may use academy transport) at the start of the academy day to meet their form tutors in the dining hall. They will have the opportunity for students and staff to sign their shirts in the dining hall and on the academy playground.

Students will stay with us until 10.30am. Please note that academy transport will not be available at this time, therefore please ensure that they are collected from the academy between 10.30am - 10.45am.

During the celebration event, students will have the chance to have their shirts signed and take friendship and group photographs.

The celebration event will include a special assembly which will reflect on their time at the academy. There will also be a presentation of some special awards!

We would love it if every student were able to attend the event as we know from previous years that this is a brilliant and emotional event!

Year 11 Examination Results

Students will collect their examination results on **Thursday 21 August 2025**. Further details to follow.