

23 September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Year 11 Update**

It is with great pride and excitement that I welcome you and your child to Year 11 – their final and most significant year at South Axholme Academy. To be able to lead this year group through such an important stage of their lives is both an honour and a responsibility I do not take lightly. Year 11 is a defining year – one in which hard work, resilience and determination can open doors to future opportunities, whether that be in further education, apprenticeships or careers.

I am incredibly proud of the journey that our students have already made and the progress they continue to achieve. However, this year requires a step up in focus, commitment and motivation. GCSEs represent the culmination of five years of study, and together – staff, parents, and students – we will work to ensure every young person in Year 11 leaves us with the best possible outcomes.

### **The Importance of Attendance**

One of the strongest predictors of GCSE success is attendance. Data consistently shows that students who attend school every day achieve significantly better results than those who do not. Students with attendance above 95% are far more likely to secure strong passes (Grade 5 or above) across their subjects. Even a small drop in attendance can mean vital learning is missed, which can have a lasting impact on achievement. I cannot emphasise enough how vital it is that students are in school, on time, every day, ready to learn. Your continued support with this will make a real difference.

### **Supporting Your Child at Home**

While our staff will guide students through lessons, interventions and revision opportunities, the role of parents and carers is equally powerful. You can support your child by:

- Helping them to establish a **structured revision timetable** at home.
- Encouraging regular breaks and a healthy balance between study, sleep and relaxation.
- Providing a quiet, distraction-free space for focused learning.
- Motivating them when challenges feel overwhelming, reminding them of the progress they have already made.
- Maintaining positive communication with school so that any concerns can be quickly addressed.

Your encouragement and belief in them, combined with our teaching and guidance, will give them the best chance to succeed.

To assist you at home we are currently developing a centralised revision area for the school website which will be in operation over the next few weeks that will detail and store a range of revision resources for all subject areas.

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## Key Dates for Year 11

To help you plan, please see below the key dates for this academic year:

- **Parents' Evening:** Thursday 6 November 2025
- **GCSE Revision Evening (with presentations and strategies from Core Subjects)** Wednesday 25 March 2026

### Assessment Points:

- **Scan 1:** Week commencing 3 November 2025
- **Scan 2 & Mock Data:** Week commencing 12 January 2026
- **Scan 3:** Week commencing 30 March 2026

### Mock Exams:

- **Block 1:** Monday 24 November – Friday 5 December 2025  
(Students will receive personalised timetables in due course)
- **Block 2:** Monday 23 February – Friday 6 March 2026

**GCSE Exam Series:** Tuesday 5 May – Friday 26 June 2026

**GCSE Results Day:** Thursday 20 August 2026

Each of these milestones is carefully planned to ensure that students are fully prepared and confident going into their final examinations. Attendance at both Parents' Evening and the Revision Evening will be particularly important, as they will provide you with clear strategies and advice on how best to support your child during this crucial time.

### Our Shared Vision

My vision for this year group is clear: for every Year 11 student to become the very best version of themselves. At South Axholme Academy, we expect our students to demonstrate the SAX mindset of being **Resilient, Ready and Respectful**. These qualities are not only vital for academic success but also form the foundation for life beyond school. Together, with your support at home and our commitment in school, I am confident that our students can rise to the challenges of this year and achieve great things.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership and dedication. I look forward to celebrating the achievements of our Year 11 students with you throughout the year. **Together, we will ensure your child finishes their journey at South Axholme Academy with pride, confidence, and success.**

Yours sincerely



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Assistant Principal and Progress and Achievement Leader for Year 11