

13 February 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Year 11 - February Half-Term Update**

With GCSE examinations just eleven 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 and after school sessions). Tutor time intervention is going well, but following feedback around pastoral support, from the beginning of March, Mrs Lee (Progress and Achievement Leader) will be linked to the year group alongside myself to allow further support for the year group in the run up to their final exams.

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, with many students talking about their revision plans, the quiet revision place that they have made at home, and the strategies and techniques that they have learnt in school and they have applied at home. For those who are planning to start revision during February half-term, we have also attached a blank timetable at the end of this document with planning time over the break. It is never too late!

More importantly, I have seen first-hand how wonderful the cohort is, 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.

Over the next several pages I have provided you with some essential information about the upcoming events for the year group. The first of which is the Year 11 Examination Preparation evening hosted by our external expert Dr Van Der Spoel, which takes place in school on **Wednesday 25 March 2026**.

I look forward to being able to meet you all in person again at this event, and 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 'C Chancellor', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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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 count. 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.

### **February Assessments**

Students have received their individualised timetables for the upcoming assessments, which start on Monday 23 February 2026 (the first day after half-term). These have also been sent to parents and students via email.

Following these assessments students will receive feedback and support from their class teachers within their classes allowing for a swift and prompt response to the data taken from their mock assessments. This will allow adaptive teaching and support to be provided efficiently and effectively. Mock results will also be included in the Scan 3 assessment data, along with teachers predicted grades, for you to review.

### **Lunchtime and After School Revision Sessions**

After February half-term, 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. A copy of these sessions can be found below, and there is a copy on the Year 11 MS Teams Channel.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Lunch</b>	GCSE PE	Music	Drama	Art	Spanish
	Construction	Art	Food	Photography	Sport Science
	Engineering	Photography	RE		
		Engineering			
		Construction			
<b>After School</b>	History	Science		Maths *	Spanish
	Geography			English *	

\* Maths and English will alternate between bands on a weekly basis. Week 1 - 'A' band students will be with English while 'B' band students will be with Maths. This will be communicated weekly to students.

### **Year 11 Scan 3 Data – Monday 30 March 2026**

On Monday 30 March 2026, Year 11 students and parents/carers will receive their Scan 3 data. Like with previous scans, students will receive a target grade and an expected grade.

Target Grades show the grades we expect your child to achieve at the end of Year 11. This Target Grade is generated using Key Stage 2 scores 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 that we feel 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.

There will also be a Mock 2 grade which will indicate the grade students got from the completion of examination papers during the February assessments.

Students will also be provided with an Attitude to Learning (AtL) for each subject - this will be in the form of either Outstanding, Good, Coasting or Cause for Concern.

### **Year 11 GCSE Examination Preparation Evening - An Evening with Dr van der Spoel - Wednesday 25 March 2026, from 5.00pm – 6.30pm**

Just before we break up for Easter, we are holding an Examination Preparation Evening for Year 11 parents/carers and students. It is important that, if possible, students and parents/carers attend.

The aim of the evening is to support both parents/carers and students with essential examination guidance as well as useful revision tips and examination paper information to support with the final push. We realise how stressful the next few months will be for both students and parents/carers, and we would like to share some useful tips to help you manage these important weeks.

To this end we have invited in an external speaker (Dr van der Spoel) who is the founder of Glia Learning an organisation that in their own words "is a tailor-made educational service empowering people to become more effective learners for life".

Glia Learning is an educational company passionate about conveying the best way in which we learn. Their aim is to create dynamic learning, and their training and consultancy service is focused around three key drivers:

- Understanding the subject thoroughly.
- Exploring which study strategies work best.
- Creating a 'teachable moment' for each unique learner.

Glia Learning was established by cognitive scientist, Dr Martijn van der Spoel and is based in the UK. Originally from the Netherlands he has worked in UK schools, both as a classroom teacher and behaviour specialist for over 15 years.

### **Summer Examination Series**

The summer examination series starts on **Monday 11 May 2026**.

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 24 June 2026**, as this is the contingency day set by the examination boards.

Students will be attending school as normal during the summer examination period, and they 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.

Finally, a reminder of the link on our website, where students can access subject revision information over half-term:

<https://www.southaxholmeacademy.co.uk/page/?title=Revision+Documents&pid=80>

## Revision Planning

### Weekly Organiser

Day Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		Saturday	Sunday
4pm - 5pm							Time:	Time:
5pm - 6pm							Time:	Time:
6pm - 7pm							Time:	Time:
7pm - 8pm							Time:	Time:
8pm - 9pm							Time:	Time:

**Revision Tasks**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Tasks</b>
English	
Maths	

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Biology	
Chemistry	
Physics	