

To the Parents/Carers of Y11 students

Our Ref: SES/AS/APH Y11 Internal Mock Exams

Date: 10 October 2025

Year 11 Mock Exams (round one): Monday 10 November – Friday 21 November 2025

As you may be aware, your child is about to undertake their first set of Year 11 mock examinations in preparation for their final GCSEs in the summer of 2026. These mock examinations are a critical milestone in their academic journey.

The outcomes of these assessments will not only inform teaching and revision strategies but will also be used to generate predicted grades for sixth form and college applications. As such, it is essential that students approach these exams with focus and commitment.

We kindly ask that you support your child by discussing the importance of these examinations with them and ensuring that their examination timetable is displayed prominently at home. This will help them stay organised and mentally prepared.

To minimise disruption, we respectfully request that any non-urgent appointments are scheduled outside of school hours during the exam period. It is vital that students attend every examination and arrive at school punctually to ensure a calm and productive start to each day.

The examinations provide an essential opportunity for students to familiarise themselves with the format and content of GCSE papers. Pupils who have access arrangements (e.g., extra time, use of a laptop etc.) for external exams will have the same arrangement in these mock exams.

In the run up to the examinations we would ask that you monitor your child's revision and provide a quiet area away from distractions for them to study. Subject teachers will share revision resources and ideas during lessons, and all subjects will offer intervention sessions on the run up to the examinations. The timetable for the current intervention sessions can be found here: Year 11 Intervention Timetable. There are also some excellent sources of online revision for independent work to be found below. Pupils will be shown how to access these in lessons:

- Home BBC Bitesize
- https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/
- https://sparxmaths.com/
- Carousel | Teach smarter, learn better (carousel-learning.com)
- The award-winning literacy resource for schools | Bedrock Learning

Subject teachers will inform your child what to revise and full revision lists will be posted in the 'Learning from Home' section of the school website: Learning from Home (whgs-academy.org)

Please be aware of the extended end time for the school day due to the PERIOD 4 exam slot. While this change was unavoidable and will also occur during the summer exams, it's a good opportunity for our students to get accustomed to it. However, this may impact students who collect younger siblings or rely on buses to get home. Please make alternative arrangements during the exam period.

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In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact us at school if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

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Enc: Master exam timetable

Date for your diary: Year 11 (round two) Internal mock exams:

Wednesday 25 February - Friday 6 March 2026

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