Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 11: The Next Step Towards Success

Targeted support and Period 6

Year 11 have made a very positive start to their mock exams. We have been impressed by their focus and hard work. The mocks are important because they show us what each student can already do and where extra help could make the biggest difference.

After the mocks, we will begin the next stage of support. Teachers will use mock exam results and other assessment information to find the main gaps in each student's learning. We will then provide focused teaching, practice and feedback to help students move towards their next grade.

Some support will take place during Tutor Time, Core PE and PSHE. We will also launch Period 6. These are extra lessons we offer after school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Sessions will finish by 3.45pm. Period 6 will run in waves, with different subjects taking the lead at different times.

Wave 1: Option subjects

The first wave will run from week commencing Monday 24th November for 3 weeks. Students will be invited when teachers believe that a focused session could help close a learning gap or support progress towards the next grade. Each session will have a clear purpose based on the student's needs.

Tuesday: Option A	Wednesday: Option B	Thursday: Option C
History	Business	ICT
Art	Geography	Spanish
Construction	Health & Social Care	History
PE	Food	Photography
		Music

Students may be asked to attend one, two or three evenings, depending on their needs. If a student is not first given a subject session, another subject may invite them on that evening. Students who do not have a set session may choose to use the supervised revision room.

Students will receive 20 R Points for every Period 6 session they attend.

Wave 2: English, mathematics and science

After Christmas, English, mathematics and science will lead Period 6 for 4 weeks. Sessions will take place during the weeks commencing 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th January. The first sessions in each week will be on Tuesday. This support will help students prepare for the final mock exams, which begin on Monday 1st February 2027 and run for two weeks.

Final waves

Wave 3 will return to option subjects for four weeks, beginning week commencing 23rd February. Wave 4 will then focus on English, mathematics and science for the final four weeks before the summer exams begin. When the exams are underway, Period 6 will be matched to the exam timetable, with priority given to the exams students are sitting next.

Period 6 is not simply more lesson time. Each session will focus on the knowledge, skills or exam technique that a student needs most. We want every extra session to be useful and to help students feel more confident and better prepared.

If your child is invited, we ask that they attend in the same way they would attend any other important lesson. Please encourage your child to arrive with the right equipment, take part fully and make the most of the support offered. Students will receive their own timetable so that they know which subject and room to attend.

Thank you for your continued support. Year 11 have already shown that they can rise to the challenge. Strong attendance, focused support and hard work over the coming months can make a real difference.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Blake
Deputy Headteacher

Frequently asked questions

Why has my child been invited?

Teachers have used mock exam results and other assessment information to identify where extra help could make the biggest difference.

Is Period 6 compulsory?

If a student is asked to attend, attendance is expected. Period 6 is an important part of our Year 11 support. If there is a genuine problem, please contact the school so that we can discuss it.

Will every student attend every evening?

No. Students may be given one, two or three evenings, depending on their needs. Allocations may change as teachers review progress. Any student may use the revision room when they do not have a set subject session.

What happens if my child is not allocated a subject?

Another subject may invite the student on that evening. If there is no subject session, the student may choose to use the supervised revision room.

Why has my child not been chosen every night?

Sessions focus on specific learning needs. If your child does not need the work being covered that evening, their time may be better spent in another subject or in the revision room.

How will students know where to go?

Students will receive their own timetable each week. It will show the subject and room for each session.

What time does Period 6 finish?

Sessions will finish by 3.45pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. A session may finish earlier if the planned work is complete and students have shown secure understanding.

What should students bring?

Students should bring their usual school equipment and anything requested by the subject teacher.

How are students rewarded?

Students will receive 20 R Points for each Period 6 session they attend.

What if my child is absent?

Please report the absence through the school's usual absence procedure. The student should also speak to the teacher about any work or support missed.

Who should I contact with a question?

Please contact Mrs Larkin or Mr Blake. The question will then be passed to the right member of staff.

Year 11 week-by-week timetable

This timetable shows the information confirmed so far. Blank boxes have been left for school to complete when further details are agreed.

Week beginning	Main focus	Week beginning	Main focus
23 November 2026	Wave 1: Option subjects	15 February 2027	**Half Term**
30 November 2026	Wave 1: Option subjects	22 February 2027	Wave 3: Option subjects
7 December 2026	Wave 1: Option subjects	1 March 2027	Wave 3: Option subjects
14 December 2026	Final week of term – no Period 6	8 March 2027	Wave 3: Option subjects
21 December 2026	**Christmas Holidays**	15 March 2027	Wave 3: Option subjects
28 December 2026	**Christmas Holidays**	22 March 2027	Wave 4: English, mathematics and science
4 January 2027	Wave 2: English, mathematics and science	29 March 2027	**Easter Holidays**
11 January 2027	Wave 2: English, mathematics and science	5 April 2027	**Easter Holidays**
18 January 2027	Wave 2: English, mathematics and science	12 April 2027	Wave 4: English, mathematics and science
25 January 2027	Wave 2: English, mathematics and science	19 April 2027	Wave 4: English, mathematics and science
1 February 2027	Final mock examinations	26 April 2027	Wave 4: English, mathematics and science
8 February 2027	Final mock examinations	3 May 2027	Exams officially start