

17th July 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

As we reach the end of Year 10, I wanted to take the opportunity to share with you some updates and reminders ready for Year 11, as well as signpost some important information for next academic year.

Pre-Public Examination (PPE) Reflections

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support over the last few weeks during the PPEs. Your encouragement and involvement have played a key role in helping students prepare and perform at their best, and we truly appreciate the partnership between school and home during this crucial time. We have been really impressed by how well students have approached their first PPEs. Their commitment, resilience and determination have been clear to see, and we are incredibly proud of the way they have risen to the challenge.

As we transition into Year 11, our focus shifts to building on the feedback from these mocks, identifying areas for improvement, and pushing forwards to ensure every student is fully prepared for success in summer 2026.

Attendance & Punctuality

Regular attendance and punctuality are crucial, especially in Year 11. Every lesson matters as students prepare for their final GCSE exams. National data shows that students with over 95% attendance are significantly more likely to achieve strong results. Last year, only 5% of students with attendance below 90% achieved a Grade 5 or higher in English and Maths, and consequently many were then unable to access further education options.

Poor attendance directly impacts GCSE outcomes. We expect all students to attend school regularly, arrive on time, ready and equipped to learn. We are committed to supporting every student, but success depends on being present and fully engaged in learning.

Equipment

It is vitally important that students bring the correct equipment to school each day, being properly equipped is essential for effective learning, progress, and success in all subjects. To ensure that every student is fully prepared, all students are expected to bring a **pencil case** with the following items each day:

A black or blue pen	At least one spare pen	A green pen (for student corrections)
Pencil	Rubber	Ruler
Protractor	Calculator	Gluestick

Being well-prepared allows students to participate fully in lessons and supports their academic progress. We would greatly appreciate your continued support in ensuring your child has all the necessary equipment each day.

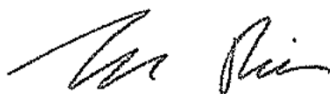
GCSE Resources

An essential part of pupils doing well in their GCSEs is revision. To support your child's revision at home our subject leaders have recommended textbooks and revision guides. Please find this information attached with this letter.

Year 11 Key Dates

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>
Year 11 Information Evening (Online only) – a link to join the meeting will be sent in September and another with the recorded video sent afterwards if you are unable to join live.	Wednesday 17 th September
Academic Progress Day	Wednesday 24 th September
Sixth Former Taster Day	Wednesday 22 nd October
Year 11 Pre-Public Examinations	Monday 10 th November – Friday 21 st November
Careers Fair	Thursday 27 th November
Year 11 Parents Evening – and reports issued	Thursday 11 th December

Yours faithfully,



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Recommended GCSE Textbooks & Revision Materials

Subject	Exam Board	Textbook/s Title Used In Class	ISBN	Recommended Revision Guides and/or Workbooks	ISBN	Revision Guide Cost
English Literature	AQA	A Christmas Carol – Charles Dickens – scholastic classic	9781407143644	AQA - CGP revision guides for all literature units.	9781782943099	£6.75
		Shakespeare's Macbeth – scholastic classic	9781407193267	ACC Dickens – Text Guide	9781782947806	
		Unseen Poetry		ACC Dickens – Workbook	9781841461168	
		Power & Conflict poetry		Macbeth – Text Guide	9781782947776	
		Modern Play		Macbeth - Workbook	9781782943648	
				Unseen Poetry – Power & Conflict	9781782943617	
English Language	AQA	Language Paper 1 & 2 – CGP – new specification workbook	9781782943709	AQA – new specification CGP complete revision and practice Language Paper 1 & 2	9781782944140	£6.50
Mathematics	Edexcel	Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Mathematics Higher Student Nook	9781447980209	Edexcel GCSE Mathematics: Higher Complete Revision & Practice (Oxford Revise: Maths)	9781382039857	£10.99
		Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Mathematics Foundation Student Book	9781447980193	Edexcel GCSE Mathematics: Foundation Complete Revision & Practice (Oxford Revise: Maths)	9781382039840	£10.99
Science (Biology)	AQA	AQA – Biology (Oxford)	9780198359371	AQA GCSE Biology Complete Revision & Practice (CGP)	9781782945833	£6
Science (Chemistry)	AQA	AQA – Chemistry (Oxford)	9780198359388	AQA GCSE Chemistry Complete Revision & Practice (CGP)	9781782945840	£6
Science (Physics)	AQA	AQA – Physics (Oxford)	9780198359395	AQA GCSE Physics Complete Revision & Practice (CGP)	9781782945857	£6
Science (Combined)	AQA	AQA – Biology for GCSE Combined Science: Trilogy (Oxford)	9780198359265	AQA GCSE Combined Science: Trilogy Complete Revision & Practice (CGP)	9781789085778	£12
		AQA – Chemistry for GCSE Combined Science: Trilogy (Oxford)	9780198359272			



		AQA – Physics for GCSE Combined Science: Trilogy (Oxford)	9780198359289			
Religious Studies	AQA	Christianity (GCSE Religious Studies for AQA A)	9780198370338	AQA GCSE Religious Studies A: Christianity and Islam Complete Revision and Practice	9781382040389	10.99
		Islam (GCSE Religious Studies for AQA A)	9780198370345	My Revision Notes: AQA GCSE (9-1) Religious Studies Specification A	9781398324527	11.99
		AQA GCSE (9-1) Religious Studies Specification A	9781036019600			
EBACC SUBJECTS						
Computer Science	OCR	GCSE Computer Science OCR Revision Guide - CGP	9781789085563	Clear revise OCR GCSE Computer Science J277	9781910523230	£8
		OCR GCSE J277 Computer Science – PG Online, S Robson & PM Heathcote	9781910523216	GCSE Computer Science OCR Exam Practice Workbook	9781789085570	£6.75
Geography	AQA	AQA GCSE 9-1: Geography	9781471859922	Oxford Revise AQA GCSE Geography	9781382039819	£10.99
				CGP GCSE AQA Geography	9781782946106	£6.99
History	AQA	AQA GCSE History: Understanding the Modern World	9781471862946	My Revision Notes: AQA GCSE (9-1) History, Second edition	9781510455610	£11.03
		AQA GCSE History: Health & The People	9781471864216			
		AQA GCSE History: Elizabethan England, c1568-1603	9781471864292			
MFL – French	Edexcel	Pearson Edexcel GCSE French - Higher	9781292734675	Pearson Revise Edexcel GCSE French Revision Workbook	9781292739731	£6.99

				Pearson Revise Edexcel GCSE French Revision Guide	9781292739700	£6.99
MFL – Spanish	Edexcel	Pearson Edexcel GCSE Spanish - Higher	9781292734699	Pearson Revise Edexcel GCSE Spanish Revision Workbook	9781292739748	£6.99
				Pearson Revise Edexcel GCSE Spanish Revision Guide	9781292739687	£6.99
				Pearson Edexcel GCSE Spanish Vocabulary, Grammar and Translation Workbook	9781292489582	£8.99
OPTION SUBJECTS						
Art	AQA	No textbooks required.	N/A	No revision guides required.	N/A	N/A
Creative iMedia	OCR	OCR Cambridge National in Creative iMedia: Revision Guide – CGP	9781837740833	Clear Revise OCR iMedia J834	9781910523278	£8
		Level 1/Level 2 Cambridge National in Creative iMedia (J834)	9781398350564	OCR Cambridge National in Creative iMedia: Exam Practice Workbook	9781837740840	£7.50
Business Studies	Edexcel	Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Business Helen Coupland-smith et al	9781292179841	Edexcel GCSE Business 9-1 Complete Revision & Practice	9780008646455	£11.99
		Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Business 2 nd Edition	9781471899355	Edexcel GCSE Business 9-1 Business Workbook	9780008326852	£5.99
Drama	Eduqas	WJEC/Eduqas GCSE Drama – Student Book	9781908682888	WJEC/Eduqas GCSE Drama – Study & Revision Guide	9781912820276	£16.99
Design Technology	AQA	Printed book of notes issued in class.		Collins AQA GCSE 9-1 Design & Technology Complete Revision & practice	978-0008535018	Issued free to all students.
				Daydream Education GCSE Design & Technology Revision Guide	PP-DT-GCSE	
Food Technology	AQA	GCSE AQA Food Preparation and Nutrition	978178294649 6	CGP Revision Guide	9781782946496	Issued free to all students.
Media	WJEC	WJEC/Eduqas, GCSE - Media Studies (Revised Edition)	9781913963255	WJEC/Eduqas, GCSE - Media Studies – Revision Guide	9781911208891	£2.80

Music	EDUQAS	Notes, knowledge organisers & help sheets given in lessons		GCSE Music WJEC/Eduqas Complete Revision & Practice	9781837740055	£14.99
PE	OCR	OCR GCSE (9-1) PE Third Edition	9781398327009	Clear Revise Revision Guide	9781916518063	£9.00
Photography	AQA	No textbooks required.	N/A	No revision guides required.	N/A	N/A

