

19 September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers of Year 11,

Year 11 have made a fantastic start to the term! Students are regularly attending college and getting into great study habits. Year 11 lessons across all subjects have been focused and purposeful. We can see this through significantly improved attendance compared to last year and much lower levels of stages, well done.

Students will sit their first round of trial assessments for this year on the week beginning the 6 October. As always, before a trial exam, students are welcome to arrive at school from 08:15am to revise with their friends and enjoy some breakfast. At this time, students will be supported by their teachers who will be on hand to answer any questions and to help revise key content. Please ensure your child arrives promptly for each morning session. Students will also have a pre-examination briefing held in the Hall before the examination begins, to remind students of timings and exam strategies. Please find the examination timetable below:

Monday 6 th October	Tuesday 7 th October	Wednesday 8 th October	Thursday 9 th October	Friday 10 th October
English Language	Maths Paper 1 non-calculator	Maths Paper 2 calculator	Maths Paper 3 calculator	Physics Paper 2

To support students and parents with these examinations and the examinations ahead in all subjects in November; we are holding our annual **“Books and Balti”** night on **Tuesday 30th September**. This event starts at 18:00, all those attending will get the following:

- Free Curry to start the night
- Briefing from the Principal
- Briefing from the subject specialists
- **A free revision guide in every subject that your child studies**

Put this date in your diary as it is key for both you and your child to attend and get a real push ahead of these trials.

To support your child’s revision activities, we would advise completing the following tasks:

For Science, students are sitting Physics Paper 2 content so they should focus on revising on these topics for the assessment. Students can use GCSE pod, SPARX and they can access past papers by searching “AQA Physics paper 2 past papers” on google.

For English Language, students received a study guide on Balti Night and there are several C2 Language reading papers that students can attempt in preparation for their assessment. Remember the exam board is EDUQAS.

For Maths, students need to be completing their SPARXs homework, which has targeted revision content in readiness for each Maths paper. In addition they can access past papers that will self-mark on www.onmaths.com. The exam board for Maths is Pearson Edexcel.

We understand that trial exams can be a stressful time for students and families. Your continued support at home by giving encouragement, providing a quiet study space, and ensuring good sleep and healthy routines can make a meaningful difference in your child’s preparation and well-being. If you have any questions about the trial exams, the schedule or morning revision arrangements, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Mr Connell.

Yours sincerely,

Helen Dowds

Principal