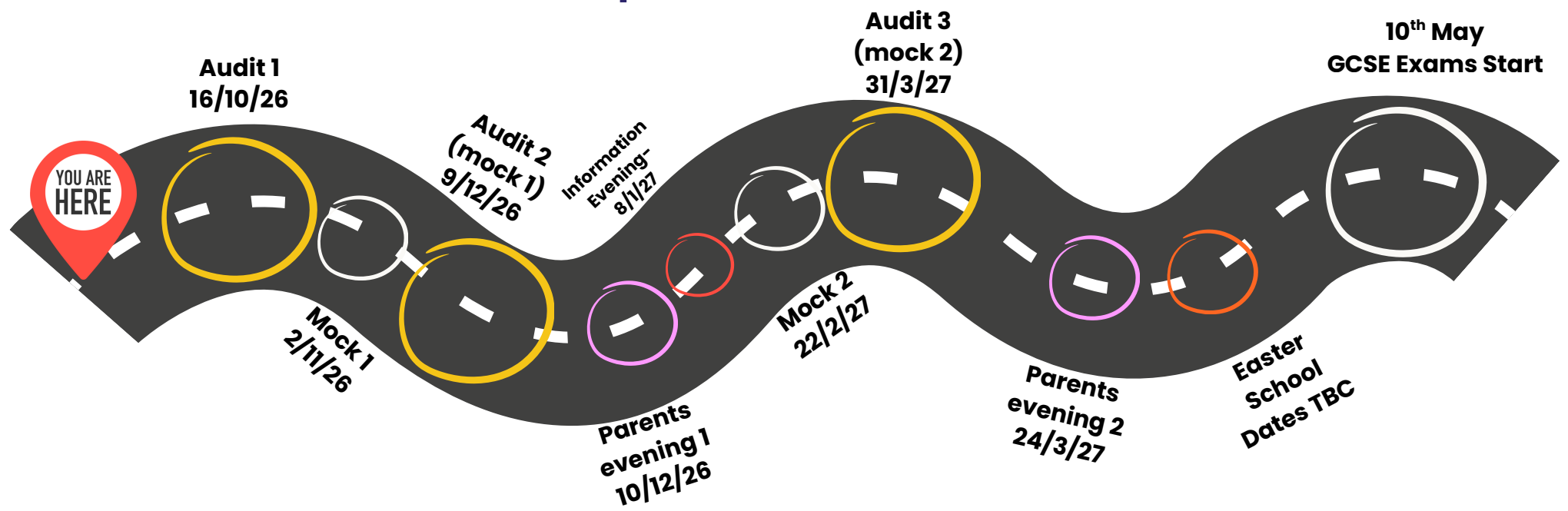


# BGS- YEAR 11 NEWSLETTER

## The Year 11 Roadmap



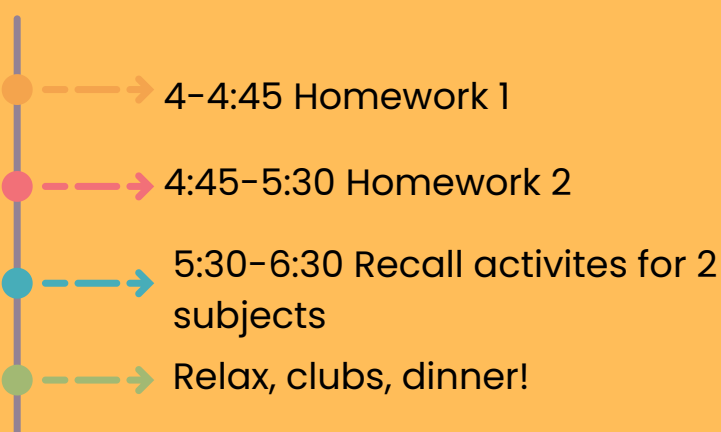
## Year 11 Roadmap

Above is an overview of the academic year. including all of the key dates for mock exams, audits, parents evening, information evening, Easter School and the final exams. I hope this is useful in breaking down what the year will look like for the students! The year goes very quickly with there constantly being a new deadline or set of exams to work towards. Our hope is that this both helps students to keep motivated with their revision and prepares them for the their exams in the summer.

We had a superb set of results this year, with huge numbers of students achieving the highest grades (9-7's). The common thread that ran through these students' approach was **ongoing revision**. They were revising little and often from **now** in preparation for their exams. It is this approach that we want to work with you and the students on to help create the foundations for students reaching their full potential.

## How much work should I be doing?

We get asked this a lot throughout Year 11. The key for us is keeping up with your homework and getting started with your ongoing revision where you re-call key concepts and ideas from Year 10 in preparation for your first mocks. For most of this month, the below acts a good guide for keeping ontop of homework and starting the ongoing revision, whilst keeping your hobbies and relaxation time built in!



## Useful website

Click the links to visit the sites.

[KS4 Key Documents](#)

[BGS Science website](#)

[Seneca Learning](#)

[Sparx Maths](#)

[Revision World](#)



## Wellbeing Hub

Click the links to visit the sites.

[Childline- Wellbeing support](#)

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## Key Contacts-

Click the name to send an email

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## Message from Mr Tomlin

The year 13s who have just left achieved, by far, the best results the school has ever seen. This was the result of years of hard work, listening to advice, and taking their academic journey seriously - this could be you soon! In just 7 months you will begin your GCSE exams - so every moment counts and getting it right now really matters. Many of you will have put in the hard work already to be successful, but if not, it's definitely not too late. You need to be honest with yourself, prioritise your school work for the next few months (especially at home), focus hard in lessons and ask us for help when needed i.e. as the school motto says, we will 'strive forward together!'



## Interventions

Attached to this newsletter is the intervention overview for Term 1. This includes the details of any interventions that are occurring during this term. Some of these are for specific students and some are open to all. If your child is unsure whether they should be attending, I would urge them to speak with their class teachers. We have added all of these inteventions to arbor which means that if you child is invited to come, it will appear on their timetable.

These are a fantastic oppertunity to review key learning, work closey with staff to address misconceptions and practice exam technique.

We encourage all students to make use of these interventions where possible.

## What should I be doing to prepare for the mocks?



**Please click on this link to see our top tips for September and October revision**



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## Year 11 Interventions Term 1



### SUBJECT SPECIFIC INTERVENTIONS



*Please note that some of these sessions are invite only and for some all students are welcome. If you are unsure about whether or not you should be attending, please speak to your class teacher.*

| Day       | Subject                                                                     | Staff                                                                                                                   | Time                                                                                                     | Place                                              | Who                                                                                        |
|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday    |                                                                             |                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                          |                                                    |                                                                                            |
| Tuesday   | DT<br>DT<br>History<br>Music                                                | Miss Savage<br>Mrs Martin<br>Mr Parrott<br>Miss Phillips                                                                | 15:15-16:15<br>15:15-16:15<br>15:15-16:15<br>15:15-16:15                                                 | A1<br>A2<br>S8<br>Music Room                       | All welcome<br>All welcome<br>Invite only<br>All welcome                                   |
| Wednesday | Art & DT<br>English<br>English                                              | Mrs Ormiston<br>Mrs Birkin<br>Ms Wrighton                                                                               | 15:15-16:15<br>14:15-15:15 (Week 2 only - during P5)<br>13:30-14:15                                      | A1<br>Room 4<br>Room 5                             | All welcome<br>Invite only<br>Invite Only                                                  |
| Thursday  | Chemistry<br><br>Drama<br>French<br>Religious Studies<br>Physics<br>Spanish | Mrs Broad, Mrs Walsh & Mrs Lucas<br>Miss Edmundson<br>Ms Bailliez<br>Mr Sherwood-Farnfield<br>Mr Phillips<br>Mrs Bowker | 15:15-16:15<br><br>15:15-16:15<br>15:15-15:45<br>13:30-14:15 (Week 1 only)<br>15:15-16:15<br>15:15-16:15 | Lab 6<br><br>Auditorium<br>H6<br>S7<br>Lab 3<br>H7 | All welcome<br><br>All welcome<br>All welcome<br>Invite only<br>Invite only<br>All welcome |
| Friday    | Art & DT<br>French<br>Music                                                 | Mrs Ormiston<br>Ms Bailliez<br>Miss Phillips                                                                            | 13:30-14:15<br>15:15-15:45<br>15:15-16:15                                                                | A1<br>H6<br>Music Room                             | All welcome<br>All welcome<br>All welcome                                                  |



### YEAR 11- INDEPENDENT STUDY AREAS TERM 1

| Day                      | Time      | Where  |
|--------------------------|-----------|--------|
| Wednesday (Week 1 and 2) | Lunchtime | Room 2 |
| Thursday (Week 1 and 2)  | Lunchtime | Room 2 |



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## GCSE Exam Boards



*Different subjects do different exam boards, you must know which you're doing!*

| <u>GCSE</u>       | <u>SUBJECT</u>         |
|-------------------|------------------------|
| <b>AQA</b>        | ART                    |
| <b>Edexcel</b>    | BIOLOGY                |
| <b>Edexcel</b>    | BUSINESS               |
| <b>Edexcel</b>    | CHEMISTRY              |
| <b>OCR</b>        | COMPUTER SCIENCE       |
| <b>AQA</b>        | DT (Product/3D Design) |
| <b>AQA</b>        | DRAMA                  |
| <b>AQA</b>        | ENGLISH                |
| <b>AQA</b>        |                        |
| <b>AQA</b>        | FRENCH                 |
| <b>Edexcel B</b>  | GEOGRAPHY              |
| <b>Edexcel</b>    | HISTORY                |
| <b>Cam Nat</b>    | ICT                    |
| <b>Edexcel</b>    | MATHS                  |
| <b>AQA (8365)</b> | Further MATHS          |
| <b>EDUQAS</b>     | MUSIC                  |
| <b>AQA</b>        | PHYSICAL EDUCATION     |
| <b>Edexcel</b>    | PHYSICS                |
| <b>AQA</b>        | RELIGIOUS STUDIES      |
| <b>AQA</b>        | SPANISH                |
| <b>Edexcel</b>    | STATISTICS             |

# Year 11 Mock Focus

## November 2026



| GCSE        | SUBJECT                | Mock 1 Focus                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|-------------|------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| AQA         | ART                    | AO4 focus- planning, preppig and starting final piece (1day)                                                                                                                                         |
| Edexcel     | BIOLOGY                | Paper 1 (1hr 45). - Including questions from topics 1 to 5                                                                                                                                           |
| Edexcel     | BUSINESS               | Paper 1 - 1 hr - Investigating a small business                                                                                                                                                      |
| Edexcel     | CHEMISTRY              | 1 Hour 45min paper including Atomic Structure, The Periodic Table, Bonding and Structures (ionic, covalent, metallic), Quantitative Chemistry, Chemical Changes (electrolysis, reactions of metals), |
| OCR         | COMPUTER SCIENCE       | Paper 1 - Full Paper - 1hr 30min<br>Paper 2 - Algorithms, Programming fundamentals - 1hr 30min                                                                                                       |
| AQA         | DT (Product/3D Design) | 2hr written paper Sections A, B and C and a 1 day practical (NEA) in workshop with normal teacher (section D).                                                                                       |
| AQA         | DRAMA                  | Full written paper, 1hr 45 mins. All topics covered.                                                                                                                                                 |
| AQA         | ENGLISH                | Eng Lang paper 1. 1h 45mins. Evaluation of fiction extract and creative writing task                                                                                                                 |
| AQA         |                        | Eng Lit Paper 1. 1hr 45mins. Macbeth and A Christmas Carol                                                                                                                                           |
| AQA         | FRENCH                 | Higher Tier Listening (45 min), Reading (1 hr) and Writing (1 hr 15 min)                                                                                                                             |
| Edexcel     | GEOGRAPHY              | Paper 2 (topic 4,5,6) Topic 4- Geology of the UK, Coasts, Rivers. Topic 5- UK Human Geography, Urban Case study (London), Rural Case study (Cornwall), Topic 6- Fieldwork (1hr 30mins)               |
| Edexcel     | HISTORY                | Paper 1. (1hr 30 mins) - Weimar and Nazi Germany Unit (soruce utility and interpretation focus). Paper 2. (55 mins) - Superpower Relations Unit (Consequence, narrative, importance focus).          |
| OCR Cam Nat | ICT                    | R093 Exam Unit - full paper - 1hr 30min                                                                                                                                                              |
| Edexcel     | MATHS                  | Paper 1 Non-calulator (1h 30) Paper 2 Calculator (1h 30) Paper 3 Calculator (1h 30) There is no set topic on any of the papers specifically. Students are required to know everything in the         |
| EDUQAS      | MUSIC                  | Full listening and appraising paper, 1hr 15 mins. All topics except one set listening piece.                                                                                                         |
| AQA         | PHYSICAL EDUCATION     | Paper 1 - Full Paper. Paper 2 - All topics other than Sports Sociology                                                                                                                               |
| Edexcel     | PHYSICS                | Paper 1 (1hr 45). Forces and Motion, Energy Conservation, Waves, Em Spectrum, Radioactivity, Astronomy                                                                                               |
| AQA         | RELIGIOUS STUDIES      | I Hour Forty Five Minutes - Christianity & Islam Paper 1 Hour Paper - Moral Issues                                                                                                                   |
| AQA         | SPANISH                | Listening 45 mins / reading 1 hour / writing 1 hour 15 mins                                                                                                                                          |