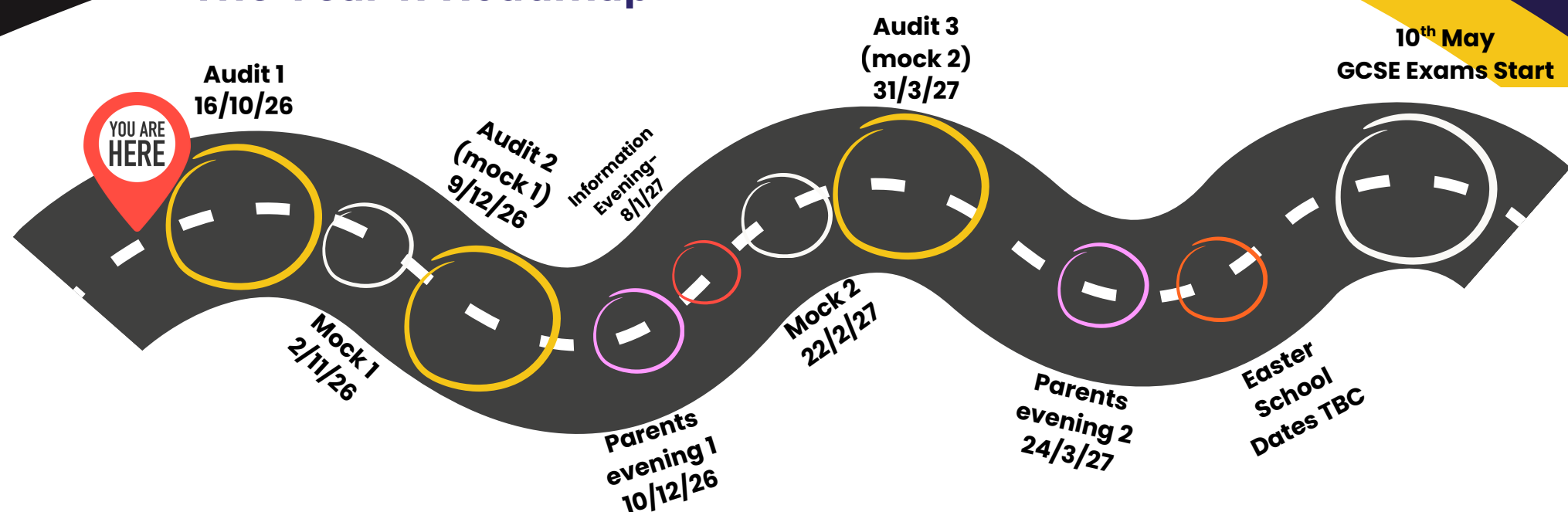


BGS- YEAR 11 NEWSLETTER

The Year 11 Roadmap



Happy Half Term!

Before we jump into the other parts of this newsletter where we'll talk about revision, the mocks and wellbeing, we just wanted to say **thank you** for all for the efforts from students and parents this term. Starting Year 11 is tricky- there's more pressure, higher demands in homework and revision and everything starts to feel real! We really appreciate your efforts this term and we've certainly started to see students starting to go the extra mile to make this year successful.

Mock Exams



The mock exams will start on the first Monday 2nd November). I have included the timetable to this newsletter.

We need students to ensure that they arrive on time to tutor (preferably by 8:40) so that we can get students into the exam hall on time. In the summer exams, we ask students to arrive in school for 8:15 to allow them to get into the right mindset and get some final advice from teachers. Whilst we don't do this for the mock exams, I would recommend students making sure they are in school on time so that there is no last minute panicking!



Use the break to make sure you have all of the equipment that you need in a **clear** pencil case.

Wellbeing during exams

1. Make time for yourself. As I'll talk about in my video below about making revision timetables, over the mock period make sure you schedule in down time.
2. TALK- connect with people about how you are feeling. This could be friends, family or teachers. The whole year group is going through the same thing; talking about how you are feeling can be really useful.
3. Make sure you build in time for sleep! The follow link from Mind has some great tips for helping with sleep,
4. Ask for help! If you're feeling stressed, please do talk to someone that you can trust to share how you're feeling.
5. Try breathing exercises if you're feeling overwhelmed on the day. Breathe in through your nose for 4 counts, hold it for 2 counts, and breathe out for 7 counts. Repeating this can help you feel calm.



For more information, visit the wellbeing hub links below or contact us at school.

Useful website

Click the links to visit the sites.

[KS4 Key Documents](#)

[BGS Science website](#)

[Seneca Learning](#)

[Sparx Maths](#)

[Revision World](#)



Message from Mr Tomlin

I was 8 years old when 'The Empire Strikes Back' was released and was first introduced to that greatest of philosophers, Yoda. He may not have been the best student of English grammar, but some of his philosophy is poignant for year 11 right now. As you approach half term, readying for your mock exams, you need to stop procrastinating, create a revision timetable and get to work; in other words, "Do, or do not. There is no try." And when you get your mock results, it won't matter if some are lower than expected, because "The greatest teacher, failure is". In other words, just work hard for your mocks and learn from the things that you get wrong!



Wellbeing Hub

Click the links to visit the sites.

[Childline- Wellbeing support](#)

[Kooth](#)



Key Contacts-

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[Mr Westby](#)- Assistant Headteacher



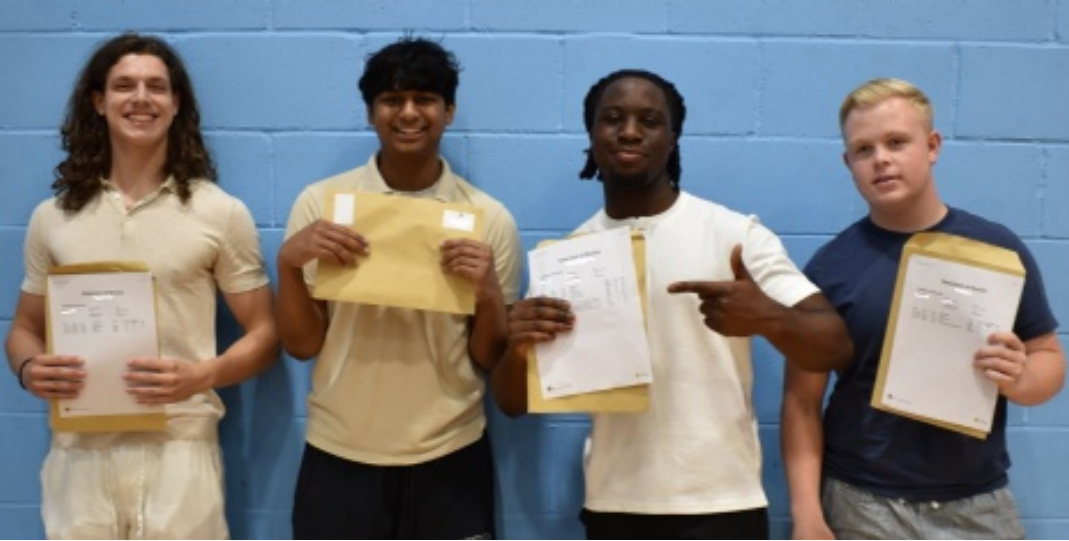
Revision Timetables- What are they and how do I make one?



Please click on this link to see our top tips for creating an effective revision timetable.



Please click on this link to see a video of Mr Westby's pre mock assembly.



BORDEN GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Sixth Form Open Evening

Year 11 pupils and their parents/carers are warmly invited to our Sixth Form Open Evening. Borden is a highly successful 11-18 Grammar School admitting boys into Year 7, with boys and girls into the Sixth Form.

Open Evening: **Thursday 19th November, 5:30 – 7:30pm**

Headteacher/Head of Sixth Form talks will take place at 5:45pm and 6:20pm.

There is no need to book for this event.



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Year 11 Mock Timetable



Please look through the mock timetable for the mocks starting after the october half term. Exams will also be added to your sons arbor

Y11 MOCK EXAMS TIMETABLE, NOV 2026 (as of 30/09/26)

	Date	Start	Length	Subject	Location Year 11	Number
Week 1	Monday 12th October	9:10 AM	ALL DAY	DT Practical for class 11Ddt/1	W1	19
	Tuesday 13th October	9:10 AM	ALL DAY	DT Practical for class 11Bdt/1	W1	38
	Wednesday 14th October	9:10 AM	ALL DAY	Art Practical	A1	38
	OCTOBER HALF TERM BREAK Mon 20th Oct - Fri 24th Oct					
	Date	Start	Length	Subject	Location Year 11	Number
Week 2	Monday 2nd November	9:00am	1hr45	English Literature	Sports Hall & Pavilion	143
		11:40am	1hr30	Mathematics 1 (non calc)	Sports Hall & Pavilion	143
	Tuesday	9:00am	1hr30	History 1 (Weimar & Nazi Germany)	Sports Hall & Pavilion	111
		11:40am	1hr30	Computer Science 1	Sports Hall & Pavilion	26
			1hr45	Religious Studies (Christianity & Islam)		21
	Wednesday	9:00am	1hr50	French (listening & reading)	Auditorium & Pavilion	48
		11:40am	1hr30	Geography (topic 4,5,6)	Sports Hall & Pavilion	65
	Thursday	9:00am	1hr30	Mathematics 2 (calc)	Sports Hall & Pavilion	143
		11:40am	1hr15	Spanish (writing)	Sports Hall & Pavilion	68
		2:00pm	1hr15	Physical Education 1	Pavilion	25
	Friday	9:00am	1hr45	Biology	Sports Hall & Pavilion	143
		11:40am	1hr45	Business	Sports Hall & Pavilion	68
	Date	Start	Length	Subject	Location Year 11	Number
Week 1	Monday	9:00am	1hr45	Physics	Sports Hall & Pavilion	143
		11:40am	1hr30	Mathematics 3 (calc)	Sports Hall & Pavilion	143
	Tuesday 10th November	9:00am	1hr45	English Language	Sports Hall & Pavilion	143
		11:40am	1hr30	Creative iMedia	Sports Hall & Pavilion	11
			1hr45	Drama		19
	Wednesday 11th November	9:00am	1hr50	Spanish (listening & reading)	Auditorium & Pavilion	68
		11:40am	1hr	Religious Studies 2 (Moral issues)	Sports Hall & Pavilion	21
			1hr30	Computer Science 2 (algorithms, programming)		26
	Thursday 12th November	9:00am	1hr45	Chemistry	Sports Hall & Pavilion	143
		11:40am	1hr15	French (writing)	Sports Hall & Pavilion	48
		2:00pm	55min	History 2 (Superpower relations)	Sports Hall & Pavilion	111
	Friday 13th November	9:00am	1hr15	Physical Education 2	Sports Hall & Pavilion	25
			2hr	DT written		38
		11:40am	1hr15	Music (listening)	Pavilion & Bridge Room	16

Students are to wait outside the exam room, quietly, until asked to go inside. There is to be no talking in the exam room before, during or after the exam. Bags should be left outside the room, only taking in black pens (including a spare), pencil, calculator etc as required for each exam, no books unless specified by subject teachers. Pencil cases must be transparent. Mobile phones must be switched off and will be collected in by an invigilator before the exam commences. In the unlikely event of a student not being present for an exam, the student will be expected to sit the missed exam in the earliest catch-up session that they do not have a timetabled mock exam.

In relation to afternoon examinations, students who are entitled to additional time, should take this into consideration when organising methods of transport home.

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 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

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