



Year 11 Handbook



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Tracking your child's academic progress

We have three key tracking points throughout year 11. Tracking point 4 in oct, Tracking point 5 (their mock exams) in Nov/Dec and Tracking point 6 April. During these cycles your child will be expected to revise key topics and practice exam strategies at home. Please find a list of available revision material and resources for all subject areas below and on our website.

Your child will then sit a series of exams in all of their subjects, these will take place in the weeks prior to the tracking point. Tracking points provide the class teacher with key information regarding where your child is currently working, this information will be shared with you and your child. The information from tracking points is also used to amend curriculums to ensure they are designed to give your child the best possible chance to achieve excellent outcomes at the end of their GCSE journey. Please see the table below which outlines the next tracking point (TP4) information for each subject.

Subject assessment dates for Tracking point 4 (sent home 20th Oct)

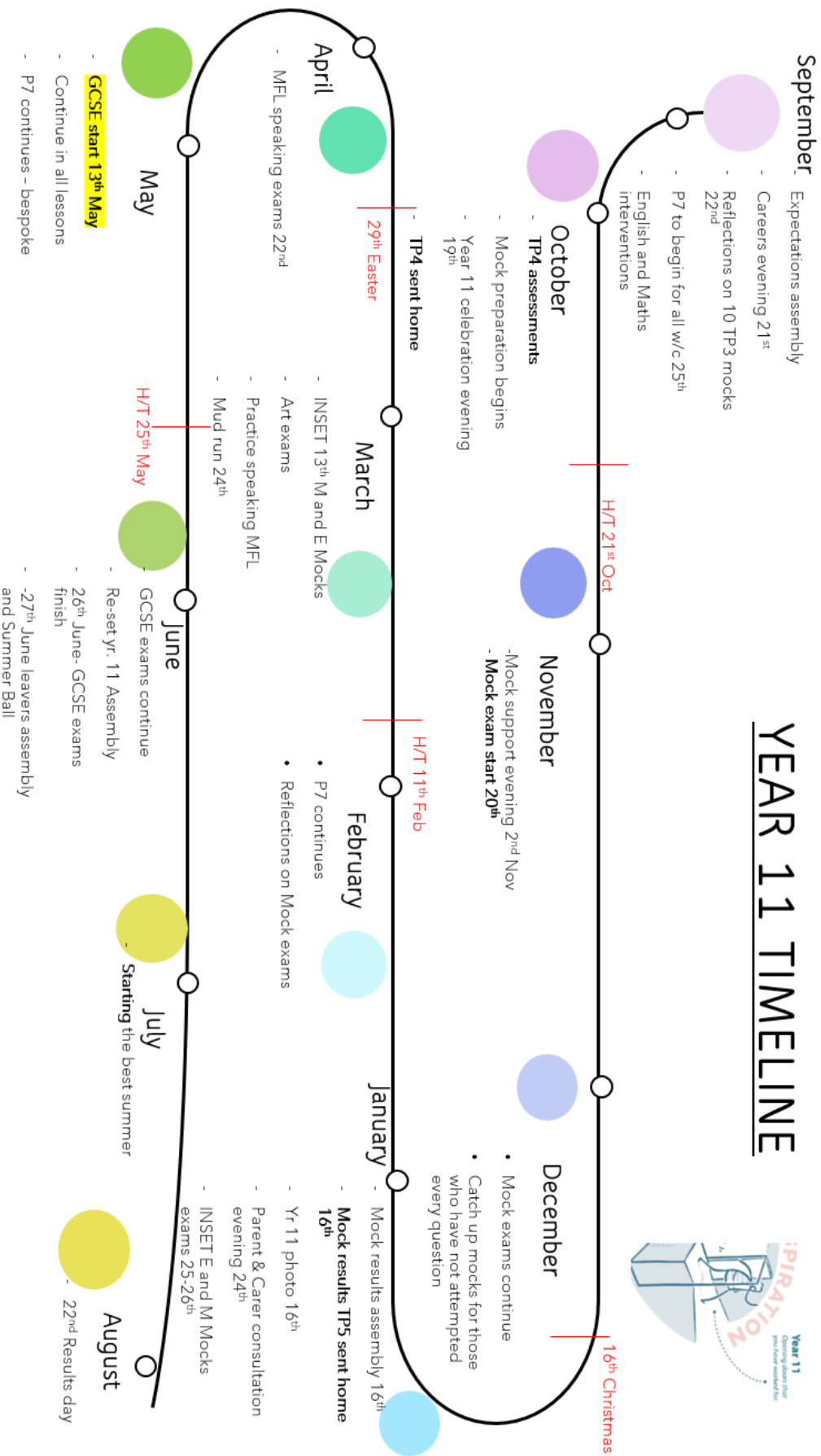
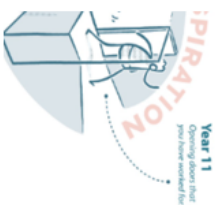
Subject	11TP4 Subject Assessment dates
English Lang	1st part: 18/9 2nd part: 2/10
Maths	1st paper WC: 25/09 2nd paper WC: 02/10
Science	w/c. 02/10/23
Chemistry	w/c. 02/10/23
Biology	w/c. 02/10/23
Physics	w/c. 02/10/23
History	02/10/23
Geography	02/10/23
Computer Science	9/10/23
DT	9/10/23
Business	9/10/23
Media	Ongoing assessment of coursework
Art	Ongoing assessment of portfolio work
Graphics	Ongoing assessment of portfolio work
Photography	Ongoing assessment of portfolio work
Textiles	Ongoing assessment of portfolio work

Citizenship	2/10/23
French	9/10/23
Spanish	9/10/23

Year 11 Key dates

Date	Event	Information
Thursday 21st Sept	Yr. 11 Careers Evening	Information sent by Careers team 6-8pm
Friday 22nd Sept	P1: Reflections on Yr. 10 tracking point 3 (yr. 10 mocks)	Students will be given their updated TP3 yr. 10 mock results to reflect on.
Monday 25th Sept	P7 and morning revision commences	More information below
Thursday 19th	Yr. 11 Celebration evening 6pm	Invitations will follow
W/C 16th Oct	Lead up to mock examination provision	Students will get their mock timetables and revision timetables to support.
Friday 20th Oct	Tracking point 4 sent home	Report sent home and given to students. This will show their current grade and projected grade for each subject.
Thursday 2nd Nov	Parent/carer -Mock support evening 5.50-6.60 pm	More information below on how to reserve your place
W/C 13th Nov	Art practical exams commence	Schedule to follow
W/C 20th Nov	French and Spanish speaking exams commence	A schedule will be sent nearer the time by the MFL team
W/C 27th Nov	Mock written examinations commence	Timetable will be sent w/c 16th Oct
Tuesday January 16th	11TP5 (mock results) sent home Yr. 11 assembly and photograph	Students will be given their mock results directly after assembly.
Monday 13th May	Main GCSE exams start	More information to follow
Thursday 27th June	Yr. 11 leavers assembly and summer Ball	More information to follow
Thursday 22nd August	GCSE collect day	More information to follow

YEAR 11 TIMELINE



Revision materials to purchase

Subject	Resource	Cost	Where to buy from
Maths	GCSE Maths Revision Guide and Workbook	£8.00	Arbor
	Further Maths GCSE Revision Guide and Workbook	£8.00	
English	<p>English Literature revision guides CGP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An Inspector calls A Christmas Carol Macbeth Poetry Anthology <p>You can also purchase a copy of Macbeth</p>	£12.00 all	Arbor
Science	<p>CGP AQA Combined Science revision guide: CGP GCSE Combined Science AQA Revision Guide Higher Tier CGP GCSE Combined Science AQA Revision Guide Foundation Tier</p> <p>CGP Triple Science revision guides: Biology: CGP GCSE Biology AQA Revision Guide Chemistry: CGP GCSE Chemistry AQA Revision Guide Physics: CGP GCSE Physics AQA Revision Guide</p>	<p>£6.15</p> <p>£3.20 each</p> <p>£9.60 all three</p>	Arbor
	<p>Work books Combined Science: GCSE Combined Science AQA Exam Practice Workbook Higher</p>	£7.00	

	<p>GCSE Combined Science AQA Exam Practice Workbook Foundation</p> <p>Triple Science: GCSE Biology AQA Exam Practice Workbook - Higher GCSE Chemistry AQA Exam Practice Workbook - Higher GCSE Physics AQA Exam Practice Workbook - Higher</p>	<p>£4.40 each £13.20 (all three)</p>	
History	<p>Pearson Edexcel revision guides:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • History- Crime and punishment (Yr10 &11) • History- Superpower relations and the cold war (Yr. 11 only) • History- Anglo-Saxon and Norman England (Yr11 only) • History- Weimar and Nazi Germany (Yr10&11) 	<p>£12.20 total</p>	Arbor
Geography	<p>PG Online Clear Revise AQA Geography 8035</p>	<p>£4.80</p>	Arbor Collect from Mr Atkins
French and Spanish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pearson Edexcel GCSE 9 - 1 French Revision Guide • Pearson Edexcel GCSE 9 – 1 French Workbook • Pearson Edexcel GCSE 9 - 1 Spanish Revision Guide • Pearson Edexcel GCSE 9 – 1 Spanish Workbook 	<p>£3 each</p>	Arbor
Physical Education	<p>Pearson AQA GCSE PE Revision guides</p>	<p>£2.65</p>	Arbor
Business	<p>Pearson Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Business revision guides</p>	<p>£5.99 £5.99</p>	Arbor amazon

	Pearson Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Business workbook		
Computer Science	GCSE OCR Computer Science Workbook and revision guide	£6.10	Arbor
BTEC I.T	Revision guide	£2.00	Arbor
Citizenship	Pearson Edexcel GCSE Citizenship (1-9) Revision guide and Workbook	£5.05	Arbor
Music and Drama	Music: resources supplied by the department Drama: resources provided by department	No charge	Mrs Isham

Additional Revision material for each subject online

Subject	Resource
Maths	<p>Useful websites that are free to use:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SparxMaths.uk: Log in and use the “independent learning” option to revise topics you are weak at. Alternatively, use the “target” and “xp boost” sections once per week to practise skills recently visited in class. ● MethodMaths.com: Online past GCSE papers that mark answers as you go! They also give help for some questions in the form of hints. The centre ID is “durring”, and each student can get their username and password from their maths teacher. ● MathsGenie.co.uk: Focus on specific grades or topics. Includes help videos, exam questions and worked solutions. ● CorbettMaths.com: Videos, worksheets and practice papers. The 5-a-day section is particularly useful. ● MMERevise.co.uk: Click Revise > GCSE Maths. Under the AQA section there are lots of exam resources including past papers with model solutions.
English	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Poetry anthology videos: https://www.youtube.com/@mrtharbyenglish/videos ● English Language and Literature revision resources, including quote lists, knowledge organisers and exam guidance: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1PRrq1XAZnaq_ZTM71EGq_AKE0I_jK8wA
Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Arbor: Resources including practice questions, PowerPoints and knowledge organisers are available centrally from your class teacher. ● Google Classroom: Loom videos for every part of Biology, Chemistry and Physics content are available and uploaded for you to work through. These include pause points for you to complete a practice question or a task set by the teacher. ● Practice Question Booklets: Handed to you individually in after the October Half-Term, with an individual book for each exam paper and each subject. These are for both Triple and Trilogy science students. ● FreeScienceLessons on YouTube: All of the GCSE Science content broken down into bitesize 2-5 minute videos. These work

	<p>for both Triple and Trilogy students. https://www.youtube.com/c/freesciencelessons</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dr Kyle Explains on YouTube/TikTok: Dr Kyle has made short videos that focus on key areas of content and exam skills to help you have the best chances of success in your exams. https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjK0b5wr4MUeYN_UsSqsZWQ
<p>History</p>	<p>BBC Bitesize have fantastic revision resources available for some topics- including podcasts, videos and quizzes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Germany- https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/z9y64j6/revision/1 ● Crime and Punishment- https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zk6k96f/revision/1 ● Cold War- https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/z3h9mnb/revision/1 ● Normans- https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zgdk4j6 <p>Additionally there are a few useful youtube channels that break down the specific elements of the course</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This channel covers Crime and Punishment, Germany and the Norman Conquest - https://www.youtube.com/@Alonglongtimeago ● Norman conquest- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1sK4JX0co8I
<p>Geography</p>	<p>As the case studies studied in geography do not always match the revision guides available, the geography department advocate using their YouTube channel. This channel will also have a series of video lesson that cover the most challenging concepts students encounter in GCSE Geography which they can watch in their own time when revising. https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXVDBhNZaOUmRTGnIJHD2pQ?safe=true</p>
<p>French</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● GCSE French revision resources (including speaking booklets, vocabulary booklets, knowledge organisers) in: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/11Q3dpk-qQvxOxq9jXdVdCk9ai8VdK9AW?usp=drive_link ● Revision flashcards on: www.quizlet.co.uk ● BBC Bitesize resources for Edexcel GCSE French: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zhy647h ● Past papers on Edexcel website (GCSE French 2016 specification): https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/french-2016.coursematerials.html#filterQuery=Pearson-UK:Category%2FExam-materials

<p>Spanish</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● GCSE Spanish revision resources (including speaking booklets, vocabulary booklets, knowledge organisers) in: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1f9XqELCGT9UXpnA7ZXm5g9vS-hu6uz1o?usp=drive_link ● Revision flashcards on: www.quizlet.co.uk ● BBC Bitesize resources for Edexcel GCSE Spanish: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/z799hbk ● Past papers on Edexcel website (GCSE Spanish 2016 specification): https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/spanish-2016.coursematerials.html#%2FfilterQuery=category:Pearson-UK:Category%2FExam-materials
<p>AQA Design & Technology</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Google drive: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1WDVqJ3nuZMcchN3zKdBIUJoV Fwj0vkZ4?usp=sharing ● Knowledge organisers (Arbor & Google classroom) ● Student class workbooks ● Revision topic list (handed out by teacher, on Google classroom & Arbor) ● Revision Guides: https://www.pgonline.co.uk/resources/design-and-technology/gcse-aqa/clearrevise-8552/ ● Website: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zby2bdm
<p>PE</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Knowledge organisers - (Google Classroom or through school website) ● https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zp49cwx
<p>BTEC I.T</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Knowledge organisers (Google classroom) ● Revision topic list (handed out by teacher, on Google classroom & Arbor)
<p>Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Knowledge organisers (Google classroom) ● Student class workbooks ● Revision topic list (handed out by teacher, on Google classroom & Arbor) ● Past Papers and sample case studies on google classroom ● Website https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zpsvr82 ● YouTube: @TwoTeachers
<p>Computer Science</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Knowledge organisers (Google classroom) ● All exercise books are digital and on Google classroom

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Revision topic list (handed out by teacher, on Google classroom & Arbor) ● SMART REVISE - this is a a paid revision resource that the school has purchased <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ students all have a log in ○ they have flash cards, quizzes and past exam questions on here to work through ● Website https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z34k7ty https://isaacomputerscience.org/?examBoard=all&stage=all ● YouTube: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ @crashcourse ○ @craigndave
Media Studies	<p>Component 1 factsheets: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ax-WChuzMTN4pGIRIZqhHhr-Duh1MAMJ</p> <p>Component 2 factsheets: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ax-WChuzMTN4pGIRIZqhHhr-Duh1MAMJ</p> <p>Video links for ALL set texts: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ax-WChuzMTN4pGIRIZqhHhr-Duh1MAMJ</p>
AQA Food Preparation & Nutrition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Knowledge organisers (Arbor & Google classroom) ● Online Illuminate textbook: Username - sdurring3 Password- student3 ● Workbooks ● Revision topic list (handed out by teacher, on Google classroom & Arbor) ● Revision Guides: https://www.pgonline.co.uk/resources/design-and-technology/gcse-aqa/clearrevise-8585/

How can you make sure you are in the best position to support your child?

Year 11 Parent / Carer Mock Exam Support Evening - Thursday 2 November

A key element of preparing our year 11 students for their GCSE examinations in the summer, is the mock examinations. As well as preparing students for the process of an extensive examination period, they also give students and staff a clear picture about the progress they are making in each of their subjects.

In order to help parents and carers support our students leading up to and during this mock examination period, we will be running a 'Parent / Carer Mock Support Evening', on Thursday 2nd November. This will start at 5.30pm in the main hall. During the evening we will go through the process of mock examinations, the support available within school and how parents / carers can support students at home. Much of the input will focus on how students can effectively revise for these examinations so students are welcome to attend as well.

Please be aware this evening is not an opportunity to discuss individual progress of students.

To reserve a place at this event please use the link below:

<https://forms.gle/LVqxMaod3ERhHdnCA>

Extra revision opportunities with subject specialists: Period 7 and morning sessions

Our P7 and morning revision provision is another opportunity for your child to practice and embed key content and skills with a subject specialist. These sessions will be a mix of master classes (where all students are invited to attend) and tutorials (where selected students will be invited to attend).

Students will be given a copy of the timetable during P1 where they will be able to plan which sessions they will attend. If students have been specifically invited to attend a tutorial you and your child will be informed. We expect all our students to access the excellent P7 provision that our staff have laid on for them. Students that typically start the revision process earlier not only excel in the GCSEs, but show more resilience to the challenges of the year.

Please see a copy of the timetable below, it will also appear on your child's Arbor timetable.

Day	Morning 8-8.30 am	After school 3.15-4.15 (unless stated otherwise)
Monday	Science: TWa - G16 - Biology GFi - L1 - Biology ABr - L2 - Physics	Week A: MFL Citizenship
		Week B Geography Performing arts Drama Music
Tuesday	Science: PLe - G10 - Chemistry (FT) JCh - G12 - Chemistry GFi - L1 - Trilogy Physics	MATHS

	<p>Week A- History</p> <p>EHi-F35</p> <p>JBA-F30</p> <p>CRu-D2</p> <p>JFr-F33</p> <p>Spanish - Iba</p>	
Wednesday	<p>Science:</p> <p>TWa - G16 - Biology</p> <p>LAI - G09 - Physics</p>	ENGLISH
Thursday	<p>PE - JCA G25</p> <p>Media- HMA -G35</p> <p>Science:</p> <p>JCh - G12 - Chemistry</p> <p>HT</p> <p>ABr - L2 – Biology</p> <p>French: Kco</p>	<p>Week A</p> <p>Science</p> <p>Art</p> <p>Graphics</p> <p>Photography</p> <p>textiles</p> <hr/> <p>Week B</p> <p>History</p>
Friday	<p>Chemistry -STM- G02</p> <p>P.E-G25 TPI</p>	<p>Week A</p> <p>Design & Technology</p> <hr/> <p>Week B</p> <p>Science</p> <p>Computer science</p> <p>Business</p>

How to revise effectively

Effective revision is crucial to your chances of success in your GCSE exams. It is important that you have revised sufficiently and in the correct way to make sure you are prepared for your exams. Strategies such as re-reading your notes, highlighting large parts of the revision guide may feel like you are doing revision, but in the long run will have little to no impact on your ability to remember the information in the long run. The Learning Scientists, a group of cognitive scientists have recommended six effective revision strategies, here are the three most important:

Spaced Practice	Create a study schedule that chunks up your study and ensures you look at each subject little and often - for example do 20 or 30 minutes on each subject every few days rather than 2 or 3 hours on a subject once a month.
Retrieval Practice	Test yourself from memory before looking at any notes or revision guides. Blanked out knowledge organisers work well for this as well as flashcards (tips on how to use both of these via the videos below).
Elaboration	Make connections between the different ideas you are learning in class and explain ideas in as much detail as you can. You can use flashcards for this by adding two extra bits of knowledge to each correct answer.

The School has a YouTube channel that has videos on it explaining different ways that students can revise most effectively and also how parents/carers can support this process. The links to these videos are below:

Using knowledge organisers to support revision:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IBP8L6tIE7k>

Using flashcards to revise effectively:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ilyyQQlewGM>

How to use retrieval practice to support revision:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fk2qwElqQ8E>