



# Year 11: Next Steps

‘Champions do not become champions when they win the event, but **in the hours, weeks, months and years they spend preparing for it.** The victorious performance itself is merely the demonstration of their championship character.’

**Alan Armstrong**



In a change from previous years. The Government have announced that GCSE will be published to students on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

On **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October** the Department for Education made a series of announcements relating to the assessments that Year 11 students will expect to sit this year.

1. The summer examination series will commence 3 weeks later than had been previously scheduled - GCSE examinations will now start on the **7<sup>th</sup> June 2021** and run until the **2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021** for almost all GCSE subjects.
2. One examination in both maths and English will be sat **prior to the May half term** (date to be confirmed) in order to all Year 11 students the best possible chance of sitting at least one examination in these core subjects.
3. **No further changes** will be made to the specifications of GCSE and / or vocational subject to allow teacher to plan their future curriculum coverage with enhanced confidence.

As a school we have worked to respond to these announcements.

We have put in place an assessment calendar that best prepares students to meet the unique challenges that this school year poses and – most importantly – be the best prepared that they can be for the revised summer examination series.

# 2020/21 Assessment points

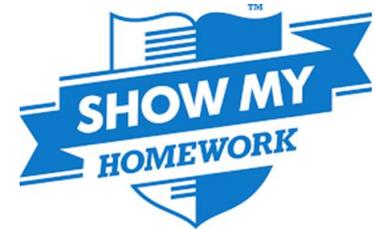
<p>Mock Examinations <b>Window 1</b></p>	<p><b>16<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> November</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Students will sit the fullest suite of examinations that they are prepared to be assessed in at this point in their curriculum coverage.</li><li>• This <b>will NOT</b> be used as a replacement for summer public examinations.</li><li>• <b>This will</b> inform teaching staff (and students) of the areas requiring focus moving forward allowing for targeted intervention designed to bring about rapid progress.</li></ul>
<p>Mock Examinations <b>Window 2</b></p>	<p><b>22<sup>nd</sup> February – 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Students will sit the most appropriate suite of examinations that they are prepared to be assessed in at this point in the academic year.</li><li>• This <b>will NOT</b> be used as a replacement for summer public examinations.</li><li>• <b>This will</b> inform teaching staff (and students) of the areas requiring focus moving forward allowing for targeted intervention designed to best prepare students for their summer examinations.</li></ul>
<p><b>Formal Public Examinations</b></p>	<p><b>Scheduled to commence 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021</b></p>

# Making the success they envisage a reality...

We have been incredibly impressed by and proud of the way that Year 11 students have adapted to the challenges of this academic year.

They continue to be the most important resource available to themselves in order to make sure they are successful in their public examinations this summer.

1. Maintain excellent attendance.
2. Make the most of each and every lesson.
3. Complete home learning tasks to the very best of their ability.
4. Engage with the careers information and guidance programme that continues to operate.



Attendance Ladder  
How close are you to reaching the top?



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Thank you for your continued understanding and support.

‘There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work and learning from failure.’

**Colin Powell**

