

22 March 2021

Dear Year 11 Pupils, Parents and Carers

Following the return to school for Year 11 pupils on 9 March we wrote to you to explain the guidance that the Government has issued around the awarding of GCSE grades. I am writing to you now to provide further information.

Teachers have been sharing plans for gathering the final pieces of assessment data with pupils. In most subjects, pupils are completing some class assessments, coursework or a practical assessment. Art has a different set of national guidelines from all other subjects and is being assessed only by coursework. In all other subjects we have been guided to undertake some final assessments in exam conditions.

The schedule for these assessments is as follows:

Date	Period	Subject
Monday 10th May	1&2	English Literature
	3&4	Drama
Tuesday 11th May	1&2	Maths (Non-Calculator)
	3&4	PE
Wednesday 12th May	1&2	Science – Biology
	3&4	DT
Thursday 13th May	1&2	Music
	3&4	English Literature
Friday 14th May	1&2	Computer Science
	3&4	Geography
Monday 17th May	1&2	Science – Chemistry
	3&4	RE
Tuesday 18th May	1&2	Maths (Calculator)
	3&4	French
Wednesday 19th May	1&2	English Language
	3&4	Food
Thursday 20th May	1&2	Science – Physics
	3&4	German
Friday 21st May	1&2	English Language
	3&4	History

All assessments will take place either in the Gym, Rm 2 or in an office and all exam concessions, such as extra time, will be in place.

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Teachers will be using this assessment evidence, together with other assessments already completed, to put forward a final grade to the exam board. This grade will then be moderated and verified before pupils receive confirmation on 12 August. Please note that we cannot discuss any results or grades with pupils or parents until this time.

To support pupils in their final preparations, teachers are providing revision materials and guidance for pupils. In many subjects, revision lessons are taking place in class time. In some subjects, teachers are offering additional after-school revision sessions as follows:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Science	Computing	DT	English	PE
	Drama	French and German drop in	French drop in	
		Maths	German drop in	

All sessions will start with immediate effect and pupils should check with their teacher for exam locations where the sessions will take place.

In addition, study support sessions are available during the Easter holiday as shown below:

	Morning	Afternoon
Tuesday 6 April	Computer Science	Science drop in
Wednesday 7 April	English – Christmas Carol (10-11am)	English Language preparation (12-1pm)
Thursday 8 April	Maths – Foundation only (10-11am) Maths – Foundation/ Higher Crossover (11am-12pm)	Maths – Higher only (12-1pm)
Friday 9 April	English – Macbeth (10-11am)	English – An Inspector Calls (12-1pm)
Monday 12 April	Drama – if required by pupils, by invitation	
Tuesday 13 April	Music, DT - if required by pupils, by invitation	



All subject revision sessions between 6 and 9 April will take place remotely via Teams. For the practical subjects, teachers will be available to support if required and will be discussing this with pupils before the end of term.

We would like to invite you to join us online for a presentation outlining these arrangements, at 6pm on Tuesday 23 March. To access the presentation, follow the link:

<https://www.testvalley.hants.sch.uk/yr11briefing>

As further preparation, all pupils will have a study support session on Wednesday 24 March. The session will focus on organising individual revision time and will be led by Ms Wilden.

We will write to you nearer the time with details of how the results will be issued to pupils on 12 August.

If you have any further question following the presentation on Tuesday 23 March please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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