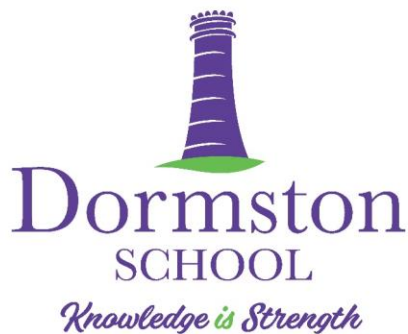


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ALL YEAR 11 PARENTS/CARERS



Dear Parents and Carers,

As the official GCSE examination period is now upon us, I am writing to thank you for your continued support and to re-share some important guidance to help your child navigate these final weeks successfully. We recognise that this stage of the year can be particularly demanding. The 'Final Push' is often the most challenging period as pupils begin to feel tired and, understandably, more anxious. Establishing and maintaining a consistent routine is key to success. Regular sleep, proper rest, and healthy revision habits will make a significant difference to both wellbeing and performance.

Revision:

Effective revision should be short, focused, and targeted. Pupils should prioritise the areas they find most challenging, rather than revisiting content they are already confident with. Alongside this, exam practice is essential. To this end, I have included the link to the GCSE PowerPoint (previously shared) that highlights a range of highly useful websites and resources, as well as hints and tips from our expert and experienced Curriculum Leaders (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DGXiSaZ0tHw>). We would also appreciate your support in encouraging your child to attend as many revision sessions in school as possible over the coming weeks. A full programme of in-school revision sessions is available. Please see link to website <https://dormston.dudley.sch.uk/class-of-2026/>. Please also find a copy of our pre-exam sessions to accompany this summer's exams. Please note, Year 11 pupils will be provided with a paper copy too.

Pupils should attend all relevant sessions and make use of A9/A10 **only** when they do not have a scheduled session, ensuring that their time in school remains purposeful and productive.

As you are aware, all Year 11 pupils have been provided with their individual exam timetables, which are available on G4S. These timetables provide information about each exam (Title and length) and where you child will be sitting each exam. Please note, it is imperative that your child attends all their exams as there will be **no** opportunity to re-sit.

Equipment:

A number of Year 11 pupils are attending school without the necessary equipment, which can lead to a slower start to lessons and lost learning time at a critical point in the year. Please can I ask, therefore that your child has the following equipment which will also mean that they will then have what they are going to need for exams:

- blue/black pens (Black only in exams);
- pencils and sharpener;
- ruler;
- maths set;
- calculator;
- clear pencil case (for exams).

Finally, I would like to thank you for the support you have provided throughout this academic year. It has made a real difference. With continued collaboration between home and school, we are confident that our pupils can approach their exams with confidence and achieve their full potential.

Yours sincerely

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