

‘Welcome to Year 11’

Parents & Carers

Class of 2027



Your Year 11 TEAM

Mrs
Mescam
SLT

Mrs Downie
Year Lead

Mrs
Abbott
11AX

Mrs Toy
11AY

Mrs Dolan
11DX

Mr
Gallant
11DY

Mr Rock
11SX

Mr Rodgers
11SY

Mrs Taylor
11TX

Mrs Poleykett/Miss Law
11TY

Mrs
Moseley

Miss
Jacques

Mrs Amos

Mrs
Laker

Mrs
Keen

Mrs K
Beer

Mrs
Froggatt

Your Intervention Teachers

Your Pastoral Staff

Your SEND
support staff

Your
Careers
& Post-16
Support

PLUS your **subject specialist** &
very experienced
teachers/GCSE examiners

Supporting your child every day:

Form Time Intervention Groups

- W/C 14th Sep
- Maths
- English
- Science
- Every Tue-Thu during form time (go straight there)

Year 11 Study Hubs (A10 & A9 – Silent Study)

- Monday 7th Sep
- Open every day 15:10 - 16:30
- Revision tips/support with HW
- Refreshments provided
- **No Mobile Phones**

Attainment Review Meetings

- Data
- Barriers to learning
- Support/Intervention
- Targets/Reviews

Timetabled Revision Sessions *

- Week 1 & 2 timetable

Pastoral Support

- Mrs Laker



Class of 2027 – Key Dates

Autumn Term 1 (8 weeks)

Wed 3 rd Sept	Return to school (all pupils)
Tue 8 th Sept	Welcome to Year 11 Evening 6pm
Mon 14 th Sept	Reflexions Exam Stress sessions begin
Tue/Wed/Thu 16/17/18 th Sep	Interventions begin (Eng/Maths/Science)
Thu 24 th Sept	KS4 Exam Stress Workshop (Parents)
Mon 28 th Sept	Assessment fortnight 1/2
Mon 5 th Oct	Assessment fortnight 2/2
Fri 23 rd Oct	Data to parents (Grades and Effort)
Half Term (26 th - 30 th Oct)	

Autumn Term 2 (7 weeks)



Mon 2 nd Nov	Return to school
Tue 3 rd Nov	Intervention (Maths/English/Science)
Mon 30 th Nov	Mock Exams 2 (Week 1)
Mon 7 th Dec	Mock Exams 2 (Week 2 Practical exams)
Mon 14 th Dec	Mock Exams 2 (Week 3)
Fri 18 th Dec	Early Close – 12:30
Christmas Holidays (Mon 21 st Dec – Fri 1 st Jan 2027)	



Spring Term 1 (6 weeks)

(School Production Term)

Mon 4 th Jan '27	Return to school - RESET ASSEMBLY
Wed 20 th Jan	Grades and Effort Data to parents
TBC	Intervention (English/Maths/Science)
Thu 21 st Jan	Year 11 Parents' Evening (in person)
Tue 9 th - Fri 12 th Feb	GCSE Food Practicals
Fri 12 th Feb	Photos Last Day of Autumn Term
Half Term (Mon 15 th Feb – Fri 19 th Feb)	

Spring Term 2 (5 weeks)

Mon 22 nd Feb	Return to school - RESET ASSEMBLY
TBC	Intervention (English/Maths/Science)
Tue 23 rd Feb	GCSE Food Practicals
Fri 26 th Feb – Thu 11 th March	Assessment Fortnight 2
Mon 15 th March	MFL Speaking mock exams
Thu 25 th March	GCSE grades and Effort Data to parents
Fri 26 th March	Last Day of Spring Term 1
Easter Holidays (Mon 29 th March – Fri 9 th April)	

Class of 2027 – Key Dates

Summer Term 1 (7 weeks)

Mon 12th April	Return to school - RESET ASSEMBLY
Mon 19th April	German GCSE Speaking Exams (4 days)
Mon 3rd May	No School (May Day)
Tue 4th May	GCSE French speaking exams (4 days) Digital IT BTEC (PM)
Wed 5th May	HSC BTEC (AM)
Thu 6th May	Sport BTEC (AM)
Mon 10th May	Computer Science P1 (AM) Citizenship (PM) German (PM)
Tue 11th May	Biology P1 (AM)
Wed 12th May	English Lit P1 (AM) Business Studies (PM)
Thu 13th May	Religious Studies P1 (AM)
Fri 14th May	Maths P (AM) Drama (PM)
Mon 17th May	Chemistry P1 (AM)
Tue 18th May	Geography P1 (AM) German (PM)
Wed 19th May	English Lit P2 (AM) Computer Science P2 (PM)
Thu 20th May	History P1 (AM) Citizenship (PM) German (PM)
Fri 21st May	Religious Studies P2 (AM) Business Studies P2 (PM)
Mon 24th May	English Language P1 (AM) Food (PM)
Tue 25th May	Physics P1 (AM)
Wed 26th May	French (AM) Geography (PM)
Thu 27th May	Maths P2 (AM) Music (PM)
Fri 28th May	History P2 (AM) Last Day of Spring term 2
Half-term (Mon 31st May-Fri 5th June)	

Summer Term 2

Mon 7th June	Return to school – RESET ASSEMBLY
Tue 8th June	English Language P2 (AM) French (PM)
Thu 10th June	Biology P2 (AM) Geography P3 (PM)
Mon 14th June	Maths P3 (AM) French (PM)
Tue 15th June	Chemistry P2 (AM) DT (PM)
Fri 18th June	Physics P2 (AM)

Science in Year 11

Mr Wilkinson

Science

Need to know which option your child is following

Separate Sciences (Pupils will know if they do this)

or

Combined Science (Double award) Trilogy – most pupils

Know what you are learning for Paper 1 or Paper 2

This determines the topics you need to revise:

Paper 1 Biology

B1 Cell Biology

B2 Organisation

B3 Infection and Response

B4 Bioenergetics

Cognito

Google Cognito edu

Choose GCSE

Combined Science

Biology (Chemistry or Physics)

AQA

This has everything you could want



Biology



GCSE · AQA, Combined, Higher ▾

Build your own quiz, flashcard deck, or exam paper from multiple subtopics.



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> Topic 1 - Cell Biology

> Topic 2 - Organisation

> Topic 3 - Infection & Response

> Topic 4 - Bioenergetics



GCSE English Language

Exam Board - AQA

The Exam: made up of two papers – each worth 50% of the final grade. Each 1 hour and 45 minutes long. Both papers test reading skills and writing skills. Both of these papers are unseen papers.

Paper 1 **Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing**

Paper 2 **Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives**



How to revise English Language:

Read a range of fiction and non fiction (short stories, novels, autobiographies, letters, essays) Write short stories and descriptions. Create a setting for your back pocket. Do the same with a character.

Our English Department top tips:

Revision should have an equal split between knowledge and exam skills. YouTube videos are fantastic for this (Mr Bruff, Dystopia Junkie). Revise little and often. To revise look for the pen and not the book – you can't revise effectively unless you practise practise, practise questions. PMT (Physics and Maths Tutor) have all the past papers and markschemes on their site for English Language. Memorise structure and timing for exam questions and practise timings.



Exam Board - Edexcel

Exam made up of: 1 Non-Calculator paper (1st) followed by 2 Calculator papers

How to revise Maths:

Past papers. Attempting questions and watching videos linked to those topics if needed from one of the recommended websites. Utilising pinpoint learning website linked with mathswatch

Our Maths Recommended **websites**: Pinpoint learning, mathswatch, 1st class maths, maths genie, Mr Barton maths, corbett maths, youtube, GCSE bitesize.

Our Maths department **top tips**:

Log all past papers you have completed on pinpoint learning and use the maths matrix to focus your revision – do not just revise topics you like. Complete non required work from mathswatch and watch the videos of topics you are unsure of. Come to revision sessions – particularly those between the papers, we can predict upcoming topics through elimination and focus on them.

GCSE English Literature

Exam Board – Eduqas

The Exam: made up of two papers –Component 1 and Component 2. Paper 1 is 2 hours. Paper 2 is 2 ½ hours long.

Component 1 Shakespeare and Anthology Poetry

Component 2 An Inspector Calls, A Christmas Carol and Unseen Poetry



How to revise English Literature:

Re read your texts, listen to audiobooks of your texts, write timelines with key plot points and quotes. Track characters, themes and relationships across the texts. Practise essays – use your knowledge of what has come up before and write responses in the time given. Practise strong overviews for possible questions that have a clear thesis statement. Use your quotation banks and memorise key quotations remembering to analyse language.

Our English Department top tips:

YouTube videos are also available for Literature revision. (Mr Bruff, Dystopia Junkie). Revise little and often. PMT (Physics and Maths Tutor) have all the past papers and markschemes on their site for English Literature.

Memorise structure and timing for exam questions and practise timings.

Head of Year 11
Mrs Downie

My role

- Attendance- it is vital they are in school
- Emotional support
- Behaviour- we do not expect or accept negative behaviours at this stage
- Rewards, sanctions, prom!
- Please feel free to email me whenever you need-
rdownie@dormston.dudley.sch.uk

Your role

- Ensure your child is at school every day possible
- Contact me with any concerns
- Check Go 4 Schools regularly and physically check they are on top of their homework- if you do not have access- please stay behind and let us know or email me rdownie@dormston.dudley.sch.uk
- Ensure you are reading all school communications

7.04%

that is all they have
left!

7.04%

Did they do their work over the holiday?

Time is running
out!

Year 11

We are finally here- what it all boils down to

GCSEs



13%

The percentage of 16- 24-year-olds who are NEET. Not in Education, Employment or Irraining

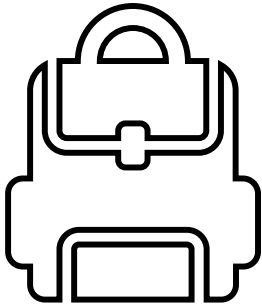
we never want your child to be in this position-
we will do all we can to support them

Finally

- You have no idea how amazing these young people are as a year group
- They are so full of life and 'character'- and that is a compliment!
- They have supported me more than I could ever have supported them over the past 2 years
- Trust me that we want nothing but the best for them!

Year 11: Our Year Ahead

Getting the basics right



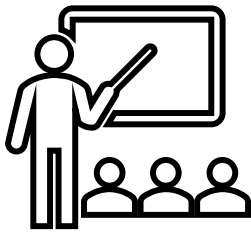
Be equipped



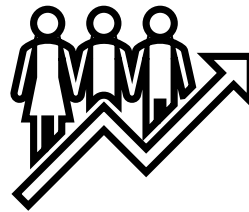
Look the part



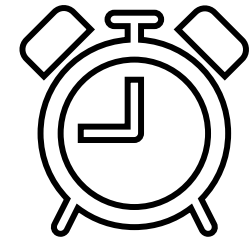
No drama



Fully focus



Know your
next steps



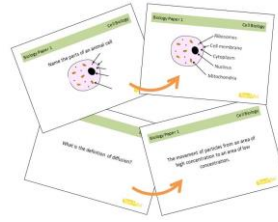
Be punctual
Be here

Teach It!

Dual Coding

(an Image to help you remember)

Flashcards



Past Papers

Mnemonics

MY	MERCURY
VERY	VENUS
EDUCATED	EARTH
MOTHER	MARS
JUST	JUPITER
SERVED	SATURN
US	URANUS
NOODLES	NEPTUNE

Our Recommended websites

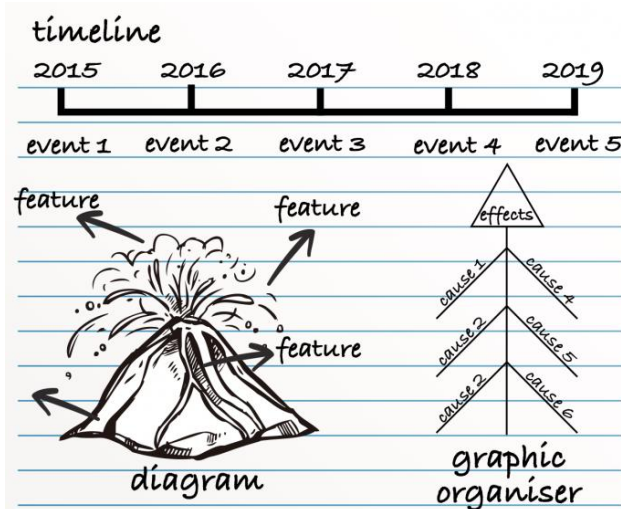
Active Revision Strategies

Mind-maps



Summarising /Reducing Information

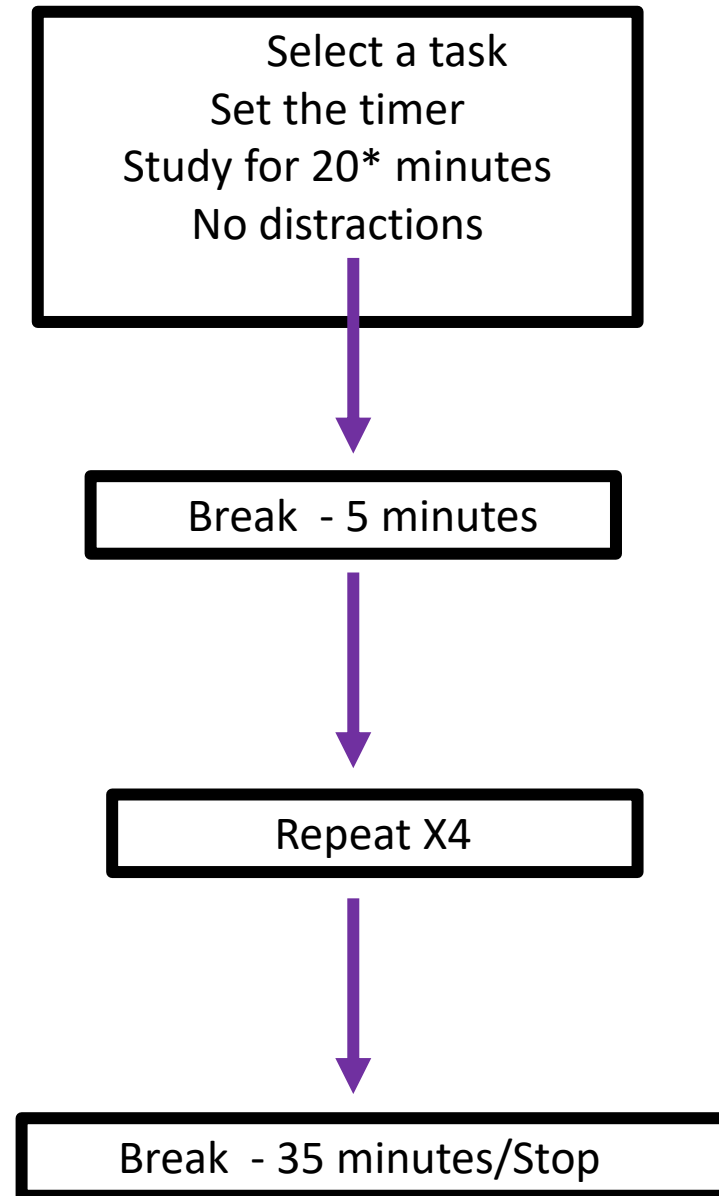
Quizzes



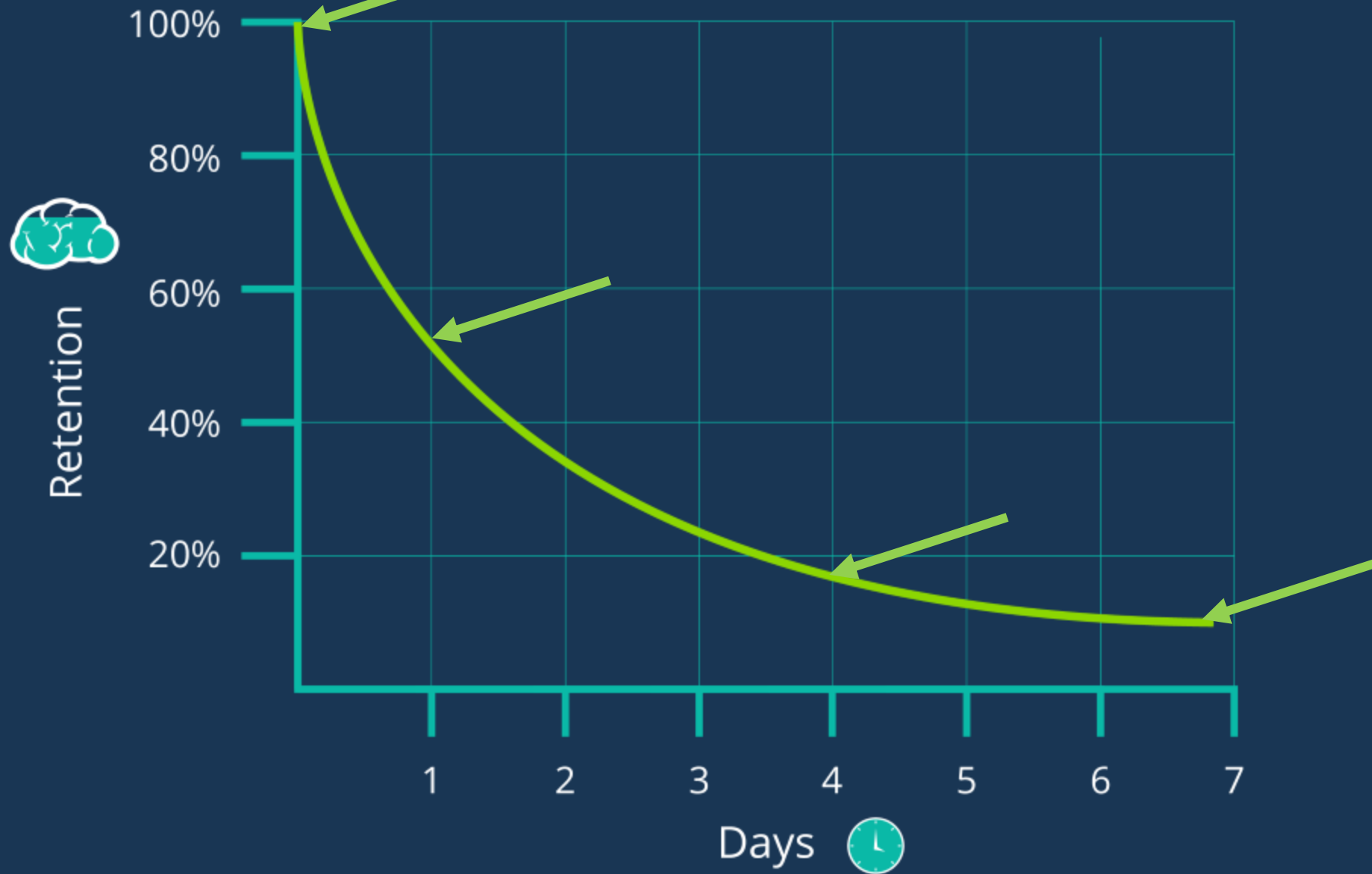
The Leitner Method

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How to study flashcards



THE FORGETTING CURVE



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Personal Target: 97%

When looking at the **August 2024 GCSE results** for Dormston, attendance really did matter!

Subject	Target Grade	Attendance			
		97% +	<95%	<90%	<80
English Lang	5	6	4	4	4
English Lit	5	6	4	4	4
Maths	5	6	4	4	4
Science	5/5	6	5/5	4/4	4/4
Geography	5	6	5	4	3
Art	5	6	5	5	3
PE	5	6	5	5	3

97% attendance – gives a year 11 student a progress score of +1. On average, this means that in every subject the student gets 1 grade higher than expected in every subject.

95% attendance – The progress score becomes -0.3. This means that, on average the student is 1 grade below their target in 3 out of 9 subjects.



Introduction to the Reflexions

Allocated EMHP :- Kate Lawley
Dormston :- Wednesday

- What targeted support we can offer to Young people and to parents.
24th September 2026
- What 1-1 support we can offer your Young Person
- Drop ins for Year 11 Students
- Parents evening



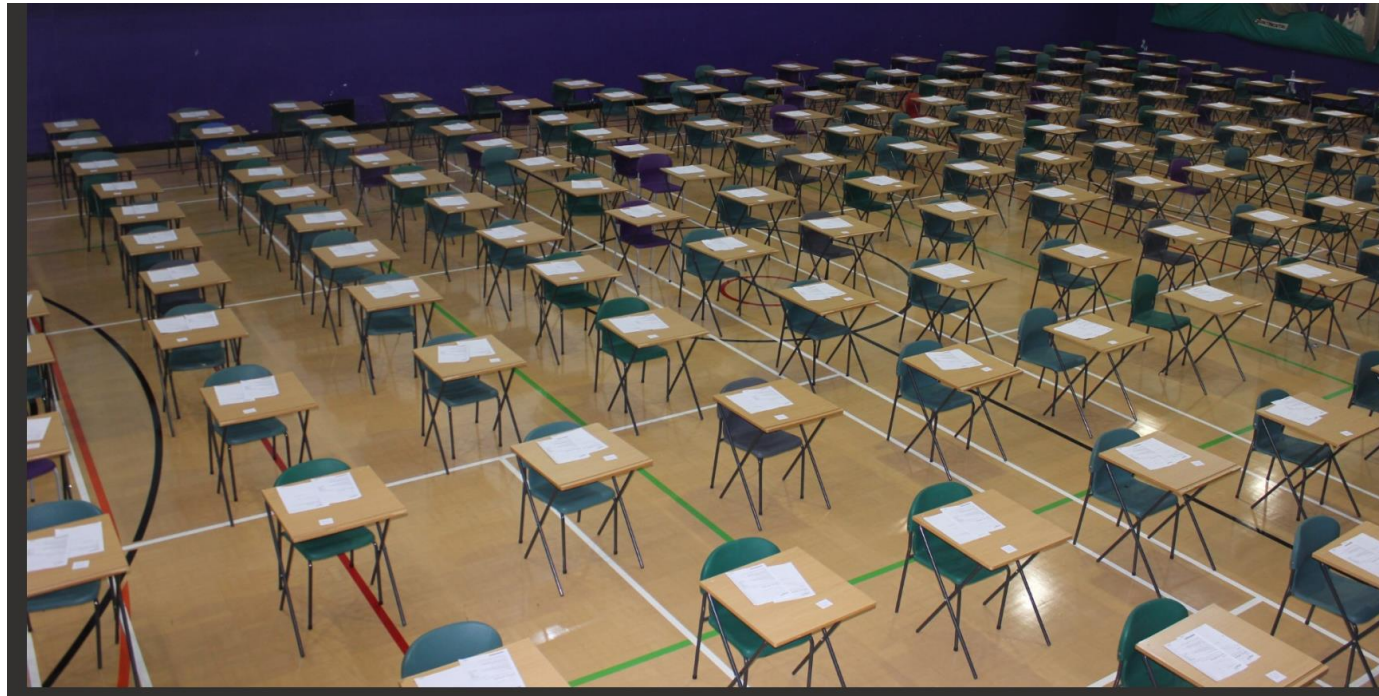
Year 11: Our Year Ahead

‘Progress not Perfection’



Year 11: Your Year Ahead

‘Same Seat
Different Future’



QR – Parental Survey

Welcome to Year 11 Evening GCSE
Parent/Carer - Class of 2027

