

Year 11 mock exam day – English and maths

Wednesday 11th March 2026

Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

On Wednesday 11th March, Year 11 will complete mock examinations in maths and English. This is to support students in being fully prepared for the final exams in these key subjects. Teachers will also be able to use data from these mocks to inform their lesson planning for the final weeks of the course.

The schedule for the day will be as follows:

08:45 Students to arrive at the exam venue – they will be registered there.

09:00 Maths (calculator) exam starts – 1 hour 30 minutes. Students will go to the dining hall for a break following the exam, then to their Period 2 and 3 lessons. *They will need to bring a snack with them if they wish to eat at this point, as there will be no food service.*

12:35 Lunch. Students will have access to the dining facilities – the usual lunch service will be available.

13:15 Students to arrive at the exam venue.

13:30 English exam starts – 1 hour 45 minutes. Students will be free to leave school when the assessment finishes. For students on standard timings this will be at approximately 15:15 – for those with extra time, a little later.

For most students the mock examinations will take place in the Sports Centre. Students with extra time access arrangements should go to the main venue. However, if a student has an SEN access arrangement that includes use of a laptop, scribe or reader, they should report to A32 at least 15 mins before the start time.

I would like to take this opportunity to express how important your role is in ensuring that your child is fully prepared for these exams and approaches them seriously, as this is an important part of their preparation for the summer exams. These exams will be run under JCQ regulations and, whilst we are expecting external examinations to take place, if a decision was taken nationally that they could not run, mock exams would be used as a source of evidence to help us determine teacher-assessed grades.

We would appreciate your support in ensuring your child has the correct equipment and arrives on time for all exams wearing full school uniform. Students should only have a clear bottle of clear water that has no label or writing on it. The exam boards stress that it is the responsibility of the student to come with the correct equipment, so we recommend that a clear pencil case with black biros, ruler, protractor, compass, pencil, rubber and a calculator should be brought to all exams. We will not be loaning any equipment to students. We would ask that students ensure that they visit the toilet prior to taking their exams, as toilet breaks are very disruptive and should only be taken in an emergency or in case of medical need.

Students are not permitted to have the following in their possession in the exam room: earphones/earbuds, mobile phones, any type of watch, iPods, MP3/4 players or similar devices, smart glasses or tablets. Exam regulations and guidance can be found [here](#).

We have produced resources to help students to revise, which can be found in the Learning section of the school website. In [Learning/How to Learn at GCSE](#), there are videos on how to learn effectively. There is also subject specific advice on the relevant subject pages in [Learning/Curriculum by subject](#).

Homework and Revision Club continues to run on Monday to Thursday each week, from 15:10 to 16:30, upstairs in Middle School. There is a silent study room and another room in which students can discuss their work, as well as access to computers. Refreshments are available and students will receive a plus point for each day they attend and work well. Staff are on hand to help students find the right resources and to assist with their work.

We have had some enquiries about when the summer exams will finish for year 11 students. All students need to be available until after the final JCQ exam contingency day which is Wednesday 24th June 2026. The summer base timetable is available on the Northgate website in Learning/Examinations. Individual timetables will be issued on Bromcom later this term, once entries have been finalised.

Thank you for your support. If you have any queries, please do get in touch with us at school.

Yours sincerely

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