Phoenix Learning Centre

'Better Together'

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Dear Y11 Parents/Carers and Students,

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term. With a busy lead up to the Christmas holidays we write to update you on a few key events for this half term and beyond.

Mock Exams

Mock exams will take place from **30th November - 11th December**. Please find attached an overview timetable. Students will receive an individual timetable closer to the exams.

Mock exams are a valuable process, not only for finding out what students know but to prepare them for the exam season. Mocks help the school to plan for the needs of all students in the real exams. Our teachers will be working with students to support their revision for the upcoming mocks.

Summer Exams 2027

The final summer 2027 exam timetable has been published and is available on the school website.

As part of contingency arrangements, schools are required to gather evidence of student performance that would be used to determine grades in the unlikely event that exams and assessments could not go ahead as planned. Mock exams will be used for this purpose.

School Website - Exams

Our school website contains a useful section relating to exams. Here you will find timetables, JCQ documentation, handy guides and policies relating to exams. This can be found in the STUDENT section of the website, under EXAMS.

Homework

To support preparation for GCSE courses, students will be set homework by their teachers. Regularly completing additional work at home will help to consolidate learning and build confidence, as well as support helpful routines for revision, as we move towards the final exams.

In addition, there are homework booklets available, which can be found on the school website, if students are looking for further opportunities to work independently.

Attendance and Timetable Increases

Every year we can see the connection between good qualifications and good attendance at school. While part-time timetables have a place in helping students who are unwell to manage school on a stable timetable, students should attend as fully as their health allows. Please contact your child's tutor if further timetable increases can be managed.

If you have any further questions then please contact your child's tutor in the first instance.

We look forward to working with your child.

Yours sincerely,



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Year 11 Mock Exam Timetable 2026

AM: 9.20 start / PM: 1.30 start

	1 9.30 – 10.20	2 10.20 - 11.10	3 11.30 - 12.20	Personal Development 12.20 - 12.50	4 1.30 - 2.20	5 2.20 - 3.10
Mon 30/11	Chemistry 1 (1h 15)					
Tues 01/12						
Wed 02/12	Biology 1 (1h 15)					
Thurs 03/12	English Language 1 (1h 45)				Physics 1 (1h 15)	
Fri 04/12	Maths 1 Non Calculator (1h 30)					

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Mon 07/12	English Literature 1 (1h 45)					
Tues 08/12	Maths 2 Calculator (1h 30)					
Wed 09/12	English Language 2 (2h 05)					
Thurs 10/12	Maths 3 Calculator (1h 30)					
Fri 11/12	English Literature 2 (2h 15)					