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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to share information with you that we will also give to Year 11 students on Monday morning about their mocks in December and looking further ahead to the summer exam season.

Year 11 students will have mock exams from Wednesday 11th to Thursday 19th December. They will have written exams in all subjects during this time and when not in exams, they will have lesson time in which to revise. Practical exams and speaking exams are not in this week and students will be advised of these separately by their teachers. This is a concentrated period which is aimed to familiarise them with written exam processes and rooms; check any access arrangements and give them useful feedback on their revision and knowledge so far. This should enable them to approach the summer GCSEs with confidence. Students will be given their Mock Results on Monday 13th January 2025 and we will send them home to you as well. You will then have the Y11 online parents' evenings on 23rd and 28th January to get feedback from staff about mock results and the road to GCSEs.

As far as the GCSE exams in summer 2025, all the information we have, including dates, is on our website [here](#). We will be running the mocks according to the examination rules to familiarise students with the expectations for the summer. Really useful information for you and students to be familiar with can be found [here](#).

Please remember that the **last contingency date for exams is 25th June 2025**, and all students must be available for exams up to and including that date. Do not book a holiday before then – stay for the Year 11 Prom on 26th after all!

We will be giving all Year 11 students an individual mock exam timetable next week and sending one home to you as well via email. F indicates Foundation tier; H indicates Higher tier. Tutors have also been supporting students to plan a revision timetable, so do ask about it and help them stick to it. Thank you for supporting students at this time – put it on the fridge, get the snacks in and do offer to quiz them on their revision. Tutors have been giving students some useful revision advice and we offer you these links as well:

Seneca is a free revision website which covers all school subjects. There are sections for students and parents. <https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/>

Pomodoro technique <https://todoist.com/productivity-methods/pomodoro-technique>

Learning Scientists have a really good website with downloadable materials on retrieval practice and other study techniques to improve learning. <https://www.learningscientists.org/>

There will be more revision advice and study skills tips coming out in the parent careers newsletter, which we hope you will find useful to drip feed support to keep students motivated over the coming months.

Miss Hubbard-Miles has also done an amazing revision spreadsheet to support you and your child.



Here is the overview of the timetable:

	Wed 11/12 B	Thurs 12/12 B	Fri 13/12 B	Mon 16/12 A	Tues 17/12 A	Wed 18/12 A	Thurs 19/12 A
9AM	English Literature (1hr 45)	Biology (1hr 45 /1hr 15)	English Language (1hr 45)	Maths Non-Calculator (1 hr 30)	Chemistry (1hr 45 /1hr 15)	Physics (1hr 45 /1hr 15)	Drama (1 hr 45) PE (1hr 15)
Break							
11:35	Sociology (1hr 45) Food (90 mins)	DT (2 hrs) French and Spanish (1hr 20) F, (1hr 45) H RS (1hr 15)	Media (1hr 30) Computer Science (2hrs) Health & SC (1hr 15)	(10:55) Business (1hr 45) Music (1hr 15)	Geography (1hr 30)	History (50 mins)	Maths Calculator (1hr 30)
Lunch							
14:25	Clash catch up	Clash catch up	Clash catch up				

Practical Mocks: Art & Textiles – all day 3rd December
 Photography – all day 4th December

Please note that we will ensure students with access arrangements get a break between papers if they use all their extra time. Any clashes will be resolved and completed on the same day where possible. An electronic copy of the timetable is [here](#).

In the meantime, if you have any questions about examinations, please ask Rachael Mundy, Examinations Officer, (rmundy@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk). For other enquiries you are welcome to get in touch with me or Miss Hubbard-Miles (Head of Year)

Best wishes



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 Deputy Head