



7th November 2025

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 Monday 8th to Thursday 18th December.

They will have exams in all subjects during this time and when not in exams, they will have lesson time in which to revise. 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. Language speaking mock exams are not scheduled in this 2-week period and students will be advised of these separately by their teachers.

Students will be given their Mock Results on Monday 12th January 2026 and we will send them home to you as well. You will then have a Y11 parents' evening on Thursday 22nd of January to get feedback from staff about mock results and the road to GCSEs.

As far as the GCSE exams in summer 2026, 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 Wednesday 24th June 2026**, 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 Thursday 25th June after all!

We will be giving all Year 11 students an individual mock exam timetable this week and sending one home to you as well via email. F indicates Foundation tier; H indicates Higher tier.

Thank you for supporting students at this time – put their exam timetable on the fridge, get the snacks in and do offer to quiz them on their revision.

I would also like to take this opportunity to re-share some guidance from Mrs Bass and her Y11 tutor team:

[How to make a revision timetable](#) and some [specific revision techniques](#), as well as the useful revision websites below.

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/>

Here is the overview of the mock exam timetable.

	Mon 08/12 B	Tues 09/12 B	Wed 10/12 B	Thur 11/12 B	Fri 12/12 B		Mon 15/12 A	Tues 16/12 A	Wed 17/12 A	Thur 18/12 A
9 AM start	Art & Textiles (all day)	English Literature (1hr 45)	Biology (1hr 45 /1hr 15)	Maths NC (1 hr 30)	English Language (1hr 45)		Physics (1hr 45 /1hr 15)	Chemistry (1hr 45 /1hr 15)	Drama (1hr 45) PE (1hr 15)	Photography (all day) Further Maths (1hr 30)
Break										
11:35 AM start (11:20 AM start on Thurs)	Art & Textiles (all day)	Spanish (1hr 45 /1hr 20) Food (1hr 30)	Sociology (1hr 45) French (1hr 45 /1hr 20)	Comp Science (2hr) RS (1hr 45)	Business (1hr 45)		Geography (1hr 15)	Music (1hr 30) Media (1hr 30) DT (2hrs)	Maths Calc (1hr 30)	Photography (all day)
Lunch										
14:25 start (14:00 catch up Thurs)	Art & Textiles (all day)		History (50 mins)							Photography (all day)

Please note that we will ensure students with access arrangements get a break between papers if they use all their extra time.

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 Mrs Bass (Head of Year).

Best wishes,

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