

Dear Parents and Carers,

10th February 2026

After School Revision Sessions (Power Hour)

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support in getting your child to attend after school revision sessions. It has been brilliant to see the positive attitude and dedication of our students during these sessions. Parental support has been absolutely pivotal for securing student engagement during these sessions and we really appreciate your input.

A reminder that after the February half term break we will be running the sessions on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 3:15-4:15pm.

Year 11 – February/March Mock Examinations 2026

At St Dunstan's, we are proud of the strong GCSE outcomes achieved by our Year 11 students. These results reflect both the commitment of our students and the rigorous examination preparation embedded within our curriculum, including the essential role of mock examinations.

The mock examination period will take place over the fortnight beginning Wednesday 25th February 2026. A detailed timetable for these assessments is enclosed separately.

Why Mock Exams Are Essential

The February/March mock exams are a crucial part of your child's journey toward success. They provide several key benefits:

- **Targeted Improvement:** They enable both students and teachers to accurately identify specific subject areas that require more revision and focus.
- **Examination Confidence:** Students gain essential practice working under formal exam conditions, building confidence and reducing anxiety for their final GCSEs.
- **Informing Tiers of Entry:** For subjects with Higher and Foundation tiers, the mock results inform our professional judgment on which tier is most appropriate for your child.

Preparing for Success (FAQ)

What should my child be doing to prepare?

Students should be actively engaging in revision **in addition** to their regular homework and attending after school revision sessions. To support them:

- **Resources:** Topic lists and useful materials are available on **Google Classroom** for all subjects.
- **Guidance:** Website links and revision strategies are detailed in our '**On Track for Success Booklet**,' which has been provided to students and is also available on the school website.

<https://www.stdunstansschool.com/information-for-students-and-parentscarers/year-11-exams-information-and-support.htm>

How can I help my child revise?

We are committed to teaching effective study skills. We have run multiple revision assemblies and provided students with templates for revision schedules in their "On Track to Prom" booklets.

The most valuable support you can offer is accountability:

- Ask them about their revision schedule and ensure they are sticking to it.
- Test their knowledge: Ask them to recite key quotes or technical terms, correctly explain how to use essential formulae, or describe key historical dates and events.
- Make sure that students have planned breaks from revision. Revision should be balanced with leisure time and shouldn't be all consuming.

Do these mock exams count towards the final GCSE grade?

No, the mocks are not intended to count directly towards the final GCSE grade.

However, it is vital that students take these seriously. Following the procedures established during the Pandemic, examination boards require schools to retain all internal examination scripts and results. These scores may be used to form a final grade in exceptional circumstances if formal exams are cancelled.

Additionally, the mock results may impact Year 11 core subject setting and the student's final tier of entry for the summer examinations.

If you have any questions regarding the mock examinations or revision, please do not hesitate to contact your child's tutor, or contact us directly below.

Yours faithfully,



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