



17 October

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 11 – November Mock Examinations 2025

At St Dunstan's, we pride ourselves on the excellent GCSE results our Year 11 students achieve. These strong outcomes are a testament to the dedicated effort of our students and the robust examination practice we build into their preparation, including our vital mock exams.

We will be running the mock examinations during the fortnight beginning **Monday, November 10th, 2025**. Please find the detailed timetable for these assessments enclosed separately.

Why Mock Exams Are Essential

The November 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. 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>

My child doesn't know how to revise. How can I help?

We are committed to teaching effective study skills. We will be running a **workshop on effective revision strategies** before the half-term holiday and helping students draw up structured revision timetables.

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**.

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.



Next Steps and Important Dates

Item	Date/Action
Parents' Evening	Thursday, January 22nd, 2026 (15:50 – 18:45). Please make a note in your calendar.
Equipment Check	Please ensure your child has the correct equipment, as listed in the 'On Track for Success Booklet'
Revision Guides	If you missed the Arbor App deadline (17/12/25), you can still purchase guides directly from CGP: www.cgpbooks.co.uk

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.

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