



6 October 2025

Dear Year 11 Parents and Carers

## Mock Examination - November 2025

It was a pleasure to see so many students and parents at our Year 11 Information Evening on Thursday. For those who were unable to attend the event I would invite you to view our year 11 webpage - '**Year 11 Exam Information and Support**', which is in the 'Information for students and parents' section of our website.

As part of our Year 11 programme we run mock examinations in November and March. The November examinations are scheduled for the **fortnight beginning 10th November**.

There are several reasons we run mock exams:

- (1) It enables both teachers and students to identify areas for improvement.
- (2) Our students get practice working in exam conditions and are more confident when they come to sit their final GCSE examinations.
- (3) Where subjects have a Higher & Foundation tier, it informs us which tier is likely to be more appropriate for your child.

It is important that students are now building revision schedules, if they have not already. The school will be running sessions in tutor time that teaches students about what effective revision looks like. I am currently in the process of finalising the timetable for the November mock series and I will write to you again when this has been confirmed.

## Important Dates

November Mock Exams: **Fortnight beginning 10th November**

Strode College Experience Day: **Wednesday 12 November**

Parents' Evening: **Thursday 22 January 2026**

March Mock Exams: **Fortnight beginning 2 March**

Exam Information Evening: **Thursday 26 March 2026**

French Speaking Exam: **Week beginning 27 April 2026**

GCSE Examination Period 2026: **Commencing Monday 4th May** and finishing Friday 26th June.

## Revision Sessions 2025/26

I am pleased to announce that we are currently running a fortnightly revision timetable after school almost every day. The revision sessions we offered last year had a huge positive impact on the attainment of our students and we strongly encourage students to attend every session that is open to them.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week A	Hospitality & Catering	NA - Staff Training	Science	English	History /Music
Week B	Media Studies		Art	French/DT	Geography /Music

## Revision Guides

CGP is a reputable publisher of revision guides and the company offers schools a discount on the guides sold to a school. This discount is usually 50%.

We offer parents the opportunity to buy these revision guides for their children at the discounted price through the Arbor Parent Portal. Please log on, go to School Shop and select the revision guides relevant to your child. Payments will close on **Friday 17th October**. Please note, revision guides will take a couple of weeks to arrive at the school after this point.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully



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