Tomlinscote School

8th October 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

Year 11 Mock Examinations: November - December 2026

These examinations form an essential part of the preparation of your child for GCSEs in the Summer and will provide very clear pointers as to their likely level of achievement.

The mock examinations are spread across several weeks to allow time for marking and feedback to take place. Students have an English Language exam in the first week back after half-term and then there are several controlled assessments before the main examination window which runs from Monday 23rd November - Friday 4th December 2026. Attached is a copy of the Year 11 Mock Exams Timetable; there are a number of exam and JCQ guides for candidates on our website, please see link below: https://www.tomlinscoteschool.com/page/?title=Exam+Information+and+Results&pid=44
If a student has a clash of subjects on the timetable they must go to the Examinations Office on the CG corridor, opposite the Medical Room to reschedule.

For morning exams, students will attend their form to be registered and then head down to the playground to line up for their exam. If a student is unable to attend an examination for any reason, the school must be informed before 08:00. Please check the start time of the examinations and students should arrive in plenty of time. Please note that some of the afternoon sessions run beyond 3.10pm and therefore students will finish later, on those days.

Please help us by ensuring that your child arrives at school in good time, in full school uniform and with all the necessary equipment, which must include 2 black pens, ruler, rubber and calculator (where needed). Please be reminded that **no watches or internet-capable devices are permitted in the exam venues.**

Where students have missed an exam, they should see the Examinations Officer to arrange a catch-up session as soon as possible. Please note, that we offer these to still allow students to get some feedback; catch-ups' do not exist for the actual GCSEs. The examination results will be published in a report that will be issued in January 2027 at a 'Mock Results Day'.

Revision

The students have been shown how to draw up a revision timetable in their assembly on Tuesday 6th October. We have created a template for an AI prompt, which can help draw up a revision timetable for the next 7 weeks. The prompt is available to all students on the 'Year 11 revision' Google Classroom. Students are expected to spend 45 minutes on each piece of home learning, and it is expected that students should spend about 1 hour 30 minutes revising or completing home learning for each subject per week.

So if students are set 1 piece of home learning for Geography which lasts 45 minutes, they should then spend another 45 minutes completing some form of retrieval for Geography at another point in the week.

All students will have a 'revision strategies' session with Mrs Tonkin or Mr Taylor in their PSHE lesson next week. Mrs Tonkin has also sent videos out to you as parents to help you support your child with this process. If you missed these, they can be accessed here:

Revision Strategies 1 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BKDxmF8idzg
Revision Strategies 2 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=26WbEQ_lLwY

The 'Year 11 Revision' Google Classroom has lots of resources to support students with how to revise, including the Year 11 Schemes of Revision and RAG Topic Lists for each subject. The Schemes of revision and the RAG topic lists for each subject provide general details on what will be assessed in the mock exams. For most subjects, students are required to revise everything they have covered in their course from the start of the course in Year 9 through to the end of November 2026.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Venton
Principal