

6th January 2025

Dear Parent/Carer of Year 11 students

I hope you and your family had a restful and enjoyable break. As we begin the Spring Term, I am writing to you at a crucial point in your child's GCSE journey. With the first series of mock exams now complete, and as we move into this next phase, this is not the time for students to stop putting in the hard work or to assume that their job is done. For our Year 11 students, the next few months represent the most important and influential period of their GCSE journey thus far.

As students return to school and the official GCSE exams beginning on **Monday 4 May 2026** and we account for one week of February half-term and two weeks of the Easter break - this leaves just 69 school days before the exams begin – only 345 lessons.

These remaining 69 days are invaluable. They are the final opportunity for teachers to close gaps in knowledge, refine exam technique, revisit key content, and build the confidence students need to perform at their best. How effectively this time is used will have a direct and measurable impact on final outcomes. Strong attendance is therefore crucial. Every lesson matters. Everyday counts. We expect excellent attendance and punctuality throughout the Spring Term, as even short periods of absence can significantly hinder progress at this stage.

In addition, I strongly urge all students to engage fully with our before- and after-school Extended Curriculum sessions. These sessions are carefully planned, targeted, and led by subject specialists who understand exactly what students need to do to improve their grades. Evidence consistently shows that students who attend these sessions regularly make stronger progress and achieve better outcomes in the summer. Your support at home is vital. Please encourage your child to:

- Attend school every day unless genuinely unwell
- Take full advantage of intervention and Extended Curriculum opportunities
- Maintain a focused routine at home that prioritises revision and independent study

The updated interventions timetable for the Spring Term [can be found here](#) and is also shown below.

We know that this is a demanding period, but it is also one filled with opportunity. With commitment, consistency, and the combined support of school and home, our Year 11 students can complete this academic year at HT with results they are proud of and that open doors to their next steps.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully



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Year 11 Extended Curriculum Timetable Spring 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School 8.00am	Maths R Duncan – G205 I Galgal – G204 T Tanner – G203 K Duman – G209	Maths R Duncan – G205 I Galgal – G204 T Tanner – G203 K Duman – G209	Week 1 Science - Biology G102 *All Year 11 Science	Science - Chemistry G104 *Combined Science Only
			Week 2 Science - Physics G102 *All Year 11 Science	Geography E Kaposi - K104 *Via Invite Only
				Business Studies S Aydin - G206 D Ezzu - G207
After School 3.05pm	Maths R Duncan – G205 I Galgal – G204 T Tanner – G203 K Duman – G209	English L Macdonald – K201 P Johnson – K204 M Vanezis – K205 K Harris – K203 L Spencer – K207	History R Bennett - K106 J Keir - K103 H Allingham - K208	Art R Mead - K105
				Geography L Megaw - H205
				Sports Studies L Cartwright - G206
				Spanish A Theodorou - G210
				Photography E Rockcliffe - H205
				Design Technology J Ezra - H103
				Religious Studies D Zancan - K204 *Via Invite Only

Important to note:

- History sessions on Thursdays are prioritised over other subjects, and students are expected to attend.
- If there are two subjects on the same day, speak to your teachers for advice.
- RSE and Geography are invite-only by your teacher – please speak to Miss Kaposi, Miss Mead or Mr Zancan for more information.
- This will run the same each week – except for Science on a Wednesday – see the timetable.