



PARMITER'S SCHOOL

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Dear Year 11 Parent/Carer

Year 11 Curriculum, Assessment and Examinations

We hope that your child has made a positive return to school and started Year 11 with renewed focus on their studies. We are writing to remind you of some of the assessment requirements of the GCSE courses; share important information with regard to access arrangements for public examinations and highlight the timings of Year 11 trial examinations, Consultation Evening and reporting arrangements.

At this time, we are working on the assumption that school examinations and Consultation Evenings will go ahead as planned. However, changes may need to be made as the year progresses, including possible changes to the Assessment & Reporting calendar(s), as necessary.

In **late October 2022**, you will receive a gradesheet giving an Attitude to Learning (AtL) and GCSE forecast grade for each subject. You will be able to hold follow-up discussions with teachers on **Thursday 3 November** at our online Consultation Evening. During the term, staff will provide some valuable advice to students about how to prepare for the trial examinations.

Year 11 trial examinations will take place between Monday 5 December 2022 and the end of term. We hope that this timing will allow students, and families, to enjoy the Christmas holidays and that students will return to school in January with renewed focus and energy. However, some subjects will be asking students to continue to revise over the break, as there is not enough time during the examination fortnight to cover everything. Further examination practice will continue in lessons in these subjects. Please do not book any appointments or make any other absence requests for this period.

In **late January 2023**, you will receive a full subject report including your child's trial examination grades from the December papers and updated forecasts. A final gradesheet, including a pastoral report, will be published in **early May 2023**.

Non-Examination Assessment (NEA), more commonly referred to as coursework, continues in many subjects in Year 11. The level of supervision when completing these tasks varies between subjects and ranges from formal supervision (examination conditions) to limited control, where students will still have access to internet resources, etc. The relevant heads of faculty/department will be able to provide you with further information, if required. Further information may also be available on the examination board websites. The table below advises which board we use for each subject:

Examination Board	Subjects
AQA	English (Language & Literature), Science (all), Modern Foreign Language (all), Computer Science, Design & Technology, Food Preparation & Nutrition, Music, Physical Education
OCR	Drama, Economics
Edexcel	Mathematics, Art, Art Textiles, Business, Geography, History, RS
WJEC	Latin

Access arrangements for public examinations are put in place to allow students with special educational needs, a physical disability, a long-term medical condition, a psychological condition or temporary injury to access the examination or assessment. Examples of access arrangements may include a modified examination paper, extra time, supervised rest breaks or a live voice in a listening examination. In general, these must be applied for and agreed well in advance of an assessment. If you believe that the school should be applying for access arrangements on behalf of your child and **we are not currently aware** of any special educational needs, physical disabilities, long-term medical or psychological conditions, please contact Curriculum Support via e-mail (sendept@parmiters.herts.sch.uk).

Students will have received their **homework** timetable for this year. Please note that teachers will sometimes set a longer piece of homework which is intended to cover several homework slots; students will be advised of this and all the relevant details will be available on Google Classroom. The Year 11 homework timetable and the school homework policy (which is within the [Teaching & Learning Policy](#)) are available on the school website. We encourage you to read the homework policy, which includes a guidance sheet for parents and also guidance for students.

Thank you for taking the time to read this important information.

Yours sincerely



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