

16 October 2026

Dear Year 11 Students and Parents/Carers

Year 11 Trial Examination Information and Timetable (November/December 2026)

We are writing to provide details of the Year 11 trial examinations. The generic timetable for the examinations is shown at the end of this letter. Students will be issued with a personal exam timetable showing only their examinations, the location of each examination and their seat number in due course. You will have an opportunity to discuss preparation for these examinations at the **Consultation Evening on Thursday 5 November**.

As part of the trial examination season, please note that our **MFL Speaking Examinations** will take place **between Monday 16 November and Thursday 26 November 2026**. Your child's MFL teacher will provide details of when their speaking examination is to take place in due course.

Please note there is **no study leave** for this trial examination window. **Between Tuesday 1 December until Friday 18 December 2026**, students will attend their scheduled examinations and **will be in normal lessons at all other times**. The exception is Friday 18 December, when students may leave the school site as soon as their final examination has finished. Students who travel on the school buses will be supervised until the end of term at 12.00pm.

All students will be reminded about the procedures for examinations. However, we thought it would be helpful to highlight some key points.

- **The usual rules regarding behaviour and uniform (including footwear - trainers must not be worn, jewellery, hair and make-up) apply.**
- Although most examinations take place in the Sports Hall, some take place in other venues. Students must take careful note of where their examination is taking place, which will be detailed on their personal examination timetable. Students are expected to be **outside their examination room 15 minutes before the start of their examination**. This allows the examination to start promptly and the timetable to run to schedule.
- Students **must** ensure they bring all the required equipment for the examination. Students will not be able to borrow equipment. **Only clear pencil cases** may be taken into the examination room.
- Items that must **not** be taken into the examination room are as follows:
 - **Electronic equipment** (mobile phones, MP3 players, iPods, Smart Glasses, Smart Devices, etc).
 - **Headphones or earphones** (wired or wireless). In order for our invigilation team to verify this, we ask that long hair is tucked behind the ears or tied back.
 - **Watches** (of any type). This is a standard procedure for public examinations and so we will be replicating this for school examinations.
- Please note that, in line with our Examination Policy, a mobile phone detection scanner may be used during examinations to help detect mobile phones and other prohibited metal objects. Students may be selected at random for a spot check as they enter the examination room, and may also be scanned when they leave and re-enter the room, for example to use the toilet, or where there is reason to believe they may be carrying a prohibited item. Any questions or concerns about the use of the scanner should be directed to the school.

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- Depending on the location of their examination, students may be asked to leave their bags outside the room. As on any school day, students are advised not to bring valuable items into school. When they do, students need to be aware that they will need to leave these items in their bags during an examination or leave them at Reception before they go to their examination room.
- If for any reason a student is absolutely unable to attend an examination or will be unavoidably late for an examination, please contact the school immediately (01923 671424).

It is vital that students read the examination timetable carefully, highlighting all the examinations that are relevant to them. **Personalised timetables will be e-mailed.**

Some students will have an examination 'clash'; this means that they have two examinations scheduled for the same time. Examination clashes also occur in the actual GCSE examinations. To resolve this 'clash', in most cases, one of the examinations will be scheduled for either earlier or later on the same day. For the time period between examinations, the student will be supervised by an examination invigilator so that they cannot interact with any other students who have already taken, or are about to take, the examination. Students may revise for their next examination whilst they are being supervised, but they cannot use any electronic devices and so must ensure they have suitable revision materials.

In line with the school's Examination Policy, all requests for student absence will be refused during examination periods. If a student misses an examination for medical reasons, for which the school has reasonable evidence, the school will endeavour to reschedule the examination. If an examination is missed for non-medical reasons, or for a medical reason that the school is not able to verify, the school reserves the right not to reschedule the examination. Students are not able to re-sit internal examinations unless serious illness or other exceptional circumstances at the time of the examination prevented them from completing the paper.

Any student who has **access arrangements for examinations** will be invited to attend a session, following the half term, on 'Making the most of exam support'. At this session, students will receive a hard copy of their candidate notification form advising them of their individual access arrangements. If you believe your child should have access arrangements but does not receive a notification form at this session, please email Curriculum Support (sendept@parmiters.herts.sch.uk) by no later than **Friday 20 November**. Any query/information received after this date is unlikely to result in any changes to arrangements for the Year 11 trial examinations.

These examinations have been scheduled before Christmas, in order to give students a proper break over the holiday period and give them more time afterwards to act upon feedback. We will share the results with you in late January/early February. We trust that all students will prepare well for these important examinations and wish them every success.

Yours sincerely



Mr A Carter
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Year 11 Trial Examinations:

Tuesday 1 December - Friday 18 December 2026

		Registration, Periods 1 & 2		Periods 3 & 4		End of Lunch, Period 5
<i>Please note there is no study leave for Year 11 Students. When not in exams students attend lessons as normal</i>						
16 November - 26 November		MFL Speaking Exams: <i>Please see your MFL teacher for further information</i>				
Tuesday 1 December	8:45am	Art and Art Textiles 5 hrs in AR1, AR2 and DT6 (54 students)				
Wednesday 2 December	8:45am	Art and Art Textiles 5 hrs in AR1, AR2 and DT6 (54 students)				
		Food Preparation & Nutrition Practical (Group 1)- 3 hrs in DT5 / DT7 (16 max)				
Thursday 3 December	8:45am	Food Preparation & Nutrition Practical (Group 2)- 3 hrs in DT5 / DT7 (16 max)				
Friday 4 December	8:45am	Maths Paper 1 - Non Calculator Paper <i>Foundation Tier: 1hr 30 mins</i> <i>Higher Tier: 1hr 30 mins</i>	11:20am	Economics Paper 1 - Introduction to Economics (56 students) 1hr 30 mins Business Paper 1 - Investigating Small Businesses (55 students) 1hr 45 mins	2:00pm	History Paper 1 - Migrants in Britain, c800-present (76 students) 1 hr in CC
Monday 7 December	8:45am	French Listening and Reading (91 students) <i>Foundation Tier: 35 mins + 45 mins in Main Hall</i> <i>Higher Tier: 50 mins + 1 hr in CC</i>	11:20am	German Listening and Reading (57 students) <i>Foundation Tier: 35 mins + 45 mins in Main Hall</i> <i>Higher Tier: 50 mins + 1 hr in CC</i>	1:45pm	PE Paper 1 - Anatomy & Physiology, Physical Training, Movement Analysis (51 students) 1hr 15 mins in CC
Tuesday 8 December	8:45am	Spanish Listening and Reading (76 students) <i>Foundation Tier: 35 mins + 45 mins in Main Hall</i> <i>Higher Tier: 50 mins + 1 hr in CC</i>	11:20am	English Literature Paper 1 - Shakespeare (Macbeth) & C19th Novel (A Christmas Carol) 1hr 45 mins	2:00pm	RS Paper 1F - Judaism (28 students) 50 mins in CC
Wednesday 9 December	8:45am	Physics Triple Science: 1 hr 30 mins Double Science <i>Foundation Tier: 1hr 15 mins</i> Double Science <i>Higher Tier: 1 hr 15 mins</i>	11:20am	Geography - Paper 1 - The Natural Environment (106 students) 1hr 45 mins	1:45pm	History Paper 2 - Super Power Relations (76 students) 55 mins in CC
Thursday 10th December (Early Lunch Pensioners' Party)	8:45am	Computer Science Paper 1 - Principles of Computer Science (61 students) 1hr 30mins in CC	11:20am	No exams scheduled	1:10pm	Chemistry Triple Science: 1 hr 30 mins Double Science <i>Foundation Tier: 1hr 15 mins</i> Double Science <i>Higher Tier: 1 hr 15 mins</i>
Friday 11 December	8:45am	Design & Technology (57 students) 2 hrs in CC Food Preparation & Nutrition Paper 1 (31 students) 1hr 45 mins in CC	11:20am	Geography - Paper 3 - UK Challenges and Fieldwork (106 students) 1hr 30 mins in CC	1:45pm	PE Paper 2 - Sports Psychology, Health & Fitness (51 students) 1hr 15 mins in CC



**Year 11 Trial Examinations:
Tuesday 1 December - Friday 18 December 2026**

		Registration, Periods 1 & 2		Periods 3 & 4		End of Lunch, Period 5
Monday 14 December	8:45am	Economics Paper 2 - National and International Economics (56 students) 1hr 30mins Business Paper 2 - Building a Business (55 students) 1hr 45mins	11:20am	Biology Triple Science: 1 hr 30 mins Double Science Foundation Tier: 1hr 15 mins Double Science Higher Tier: 1 hr 15 mins	1:45pm	Spanish Writing Foundation Tier: 1hr 10 mins Spanish Writing Higher Tier: 1hr 15 mins German Writing Foundation Tier: 1hr 10 mins German Writing Higher Tier: 1hr 15 mins (133 students)
Tuesday 15 December	8:45am	English Language Paper 2 - Writers' Viewpoints & Perspectives 1 hr 45 mins	11:20am	History Paper 3 - Weimar and Nazi Germany (76 students) 1hr 30mins in CC	2:00pm	French Writing Foundation Tier: 1hr 10 mins in CC French Writing Higher Tier: 1hr 15 mins in CC (91 students)
Wednesday 16 December	8:45am	Music: Understanding Music (32 students) 1hr 30 mins in MU3 / MU4 RS Paper 2B - Christianity (28 students) 1hr 45mins CC	11:20am	Computer Science Paper 2 - Application of Computational Thinking in IT1, IT2 & IT3 (61 students) 2hrs	2:00pm	No exams scheduled
Thursday 17 December	8:45am	Drama Paper 1 (54 students) 1hr 30mins in CC	11:20am	Maths Paper 2 - Calculator Paper Foundation Tier: 1hr 30 mins Higher Tier: 1hr 30 mins	2:00pm	No exams scheduled
Friday 18 December	8:45am	English Literature Paper 2 - 'An Inspector Calls', Power and Conflict Poetry and Unseen Poetry in Main Hall and CC 2hr 15 mins				

All exams take place in the Sports Hall unless otherwise stated.