

2025-2026

# Y11 TIMELINE

## 1 INTERVENTION STARTS

FROM TUESDAY 9th SEPT 2025

Students will have **three** afterschool sessions a week of either **intervention** or **independent study** from 3:20pm to 4:15pm

- Attendance is compulsory.

Allocations will change every 4 - 5 weeks.



## 2 SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 9th OCT 2025 - 17:00 to 19:30

Your child will have the opportunity to learn all about the incredible offer at St Marks Sixth Form.

- Outstanding Curriculum and Exam Results
- Outstanding Pastoral Care
- Outstanding Enrichment Offer



## 3 AUTUMN MOCK EXAMS

MONDAY 13th OCT 2025 to FRIDAY 14th NOV 2025

First set of Mock Exams in all of your child's subjects including practical exams.

- Mock Grades will be used for Post-16 Sixth Form/College applications.

## 4 YEAR 11 PARENTS EVENING

THURSDAY 4th DEC 2025

First opportunity to review your child's progress towards their Y11 Target Grades. Work with their teachers to agree the next steps on how to improve.

Please put this date in your diaries now



## 5 SPRING MOCK EXAMS

MONDAY 2nd FEB 2026 to FRIDAY 27th FEB 2025

A full series of exams in all subjects to replicate and help you prepare for your summer exams.



## 6 GCSE EXAMS BEGIN

MAY 2026

Your child's GCSE Exams will start in early-May with practical exams in Art/PE and Speaking Exams in MfL. They usually finish by mid-June

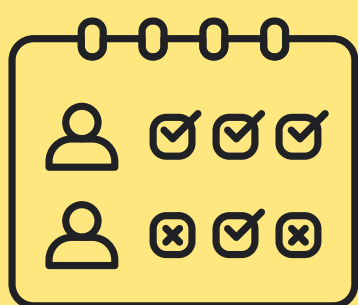
Provisional exams timetables will be issued before the Easter Holidays.



# THE YEAR 11 JOURNEY

## SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD THROUGH YEAR 11 AND THEIR GCSEs

Your child's journey through Year 11 may be one of the most exciting but daunting years of schooling that they have faced to date. In order to ensure that they are thriving across the year, and managing exam stress effectively, school and home need to work closely together on the following areas:



### ATTENDANCE

In order for your child to excel in Year 11 they must be here **EVERY** day:

- Absence is the biggest cause of underachievement in GCSE exams.
- Please check term dates and exam dates before booking holidays.
- Please be aware revision sessions will run in October, February, Easter and May Half-terms.

In Year 11, completing homework is more important than ever to support your child to consolidate learning and embed revision.

- Ensure that you check their homework calendar and completion regularly
- Encourage your child to speak to their teacher if they are struggling with homework.
- Support your child to create a homework routine at home to manage their workload.



### HOMEWORK



### REVISION

Revision should be 'little and often' not just in the weeks leading up to mock exams.

- Ask your child to show you their revision timetable in September.
- Your child should be revising **daily from September** including weekends. *The amount will increase as they get closer to exams.*
- Create a revision space at home without distractions: **remove their phone!**

Year 11 can be incredibly stressful, so make sure that you are also focusing on wellbeing.

- Does your child have good sleep habits? Can you agree a sleep routine including removing distractions such as phones/i-pads?
- What are they doing to keep themselves active? Physical activity promotes mental well-being so encourage your child to be active.
- Make sure they are talking about how they feel and asking for support if they are struggling.



### WELLBEING



### NEED MORE SUPPORT?

For general enquires about Year 11 contact Year 11 Progress Leader - Mr Alabi or Senior Vice Principal - Ms Khan

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