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Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Year 11 Practice GCSE/Vocational Examinations 2026

Please [click here](#) for the Year 11 GCSE Practice Examination schedule.

We will publish an individual exam timetable soon, including room and seat numbers, and it will also be available via Arbor. The Arbor exam area also displays exam entries and results for your reference.

These examinations are conducted under [full JCQ GCSE exam conditions](#) and are used to ensure that students are fully aware of the conditions and regulations governing public examinations. We welcome your support in ensuring your child approaches them diligently. Failure to follow these rules in the real exams will result in disqualification.

The exam schedule is **very tight**, so we will suspend the Year 11 timetable from **Monday 2 November, until Friday 13 November 2026, inclusive**. During this time, students only need to be in school for their examinations. If you would like your child to remain in school during the week, we will provide suitable accommodation. Students should sign in with a member of staff in the designated room via the LRC.

Students will begin receiving feedback on these exams from 30 November 2026. We will share final results from these exams and a WAD update at 8am on 17 December during our Practice results day.

The summer exam schedule is now available, including contingency days, and can be seen [on our website](#).

Students must note their exam dates and times and arrive on time for all examinations. They should be at their examination room **at least 10 minutes before the published start time**. For example, the doors open and we start seating students at 8:35 am for an 8:45 am start, etc. Their timetable is viewable via the parent Arbor App, and students will be given a print out of this.

For public examinations, students must use **black ink** as the exam papers are scanned and sent electronically to examiners around the country to mark. Please ensure your child has a black pen and all other exam equipment.

As GCSE courses change, the number of linear examinations your child will sit has increased. With this shift, it is also important that they know how to prepare, including how to revise, practise answering questions, and use their independent study time. An exam booklet with further specific exam information will arrive shortly to support this.

We expect that if students are not sitting an examination or working in school, they are at home revising and preparing for their next exam. They should not be in the village or shops around Hedge End. Any students who do not abide by this request will have their exam leave suspended and their normal timetable reinstated.

Although these examinations are practice for students to experience the questions and receive feedback, they will also be taken into account if the school is asked to provide a Centre Assessed Grade, as we were for previous Year 11 cohorts in 2020 and 2021. Therefore, students should apply themselves to their studies and attempt each exam to the best of their ability.

If you have any questions regarding this examination session, please direct them to Mrs Clilverd, Exams Officer, by emailing exams@wildern.org in the first instance.

Yours sincerely



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