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Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Year 11 Practice GCSE/Vocational Examinations January 2026

Please find attached the GCSE January Practice Examination schedule for Year 11.

An individual exam timetable will be published on Edulink soon, including information on rooms and seat numbers. The Edulink exam tab 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 Year 11 timetable will continue around these exams. During this time, students will either be taking examinations or attending their usual timetabled lessons.

The GCSE summer exam schedule is now available, including contingency days, if you haven't already seen it [on our website](#).

Students must note the dates and times of their exams and ensure they 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.

For public examinations, students must use **black ink, as exam papers are scanned and sent electronically to examiners nationwide for marking.** Would you therefore please ensure that your child has a black pen and all other exam equipment.

It is also essential that they know how to prepare, including how to revise, practise answering questions, and use their independent study time. An exam booklet with additional exam details is available [here](#).

Although these examinations are a practice opportunity 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 the previous Year 11 cohorts in 2020 and 2021. Therefore, students should apply themselves to their studies and do their best on each exam.

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 faithfully

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