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Dear Parent/Carer

RE: Key Information for Year 11

We are delighted to see that Year 11 students have made a focused and positive start to their final year at school. As this is a significant year for your child, there are several important milestones during the Autumn Term that we would like to bring to your attention. Please find below a list of key dates for your diary.

Upcoming Dates

- **Wednesday 16 September 2026** – Parent/Carer Information Evening: *GCSE and College Ready* (5:30pm to 6:30pm)
- **Tuesday 13 October 2026** – College Roadshow 5.30pm-7pm (*Please see previous email from Mr Shackson about signing up*)
- **Monday 9 November 2026** – Mock examinations begin
- **Thursday 7 January 2027** – Parent/Carer Evening

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This event provides an opportunity for parents and carers to learn how best to support their child in preparation for GCSE examinations and their next steps beyond Year 11, whether that be sixth form, college, or another education provider.

The event will take place on the school site from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. We kindly ask that you arrive promptly for the start of the session.

Tuesday 13 October 2026 :College Roadshow 5.30pm-7pm

The College Roadshow will give students the opportunity to meet representatives from a range of colleges and learn about the courses and qualifications they offer. This is an excellent opportunity for students to begin exploring their post-16 options and considering future pathways. Students and parents/carers are welcome to attend.

From Monday 9 November 2026: Year 11 Mock Examinations

Students will undertake one formal mock examination period this year, lasting approximately three weeks from Monday 9 November. During this time, students will sit examinations in all their subject areas under conditions similar to those of the final GCSE examinations.





Depending on their course choices, students are likely to sit 12 or more examinations during this period. To support your child, we have an excellent well-being team, tutors and myself.

We encourage students to complete one to two hours of independent study each day over the next five weeks to support their preparation.

For students who would benefit from a quiet place to study, the Learning Resource Centre (LRC) is open every day from 3:30pm to 4:30pm. Subject teachers will provide guidance on the most effective revision methods and resources for their individual subjects. The mock examination timetable will be published on the school website and shared with students as soon as possible.

Year 11 Predicted Grades

In December, students will receive a new set of predicted grades. These grades will be used when providing references and shared with colleges as part of the application process. Once issued, these predicted grades cannot be amended. Performance in the November mock examinations will play a significant role in determining students predicted grades. In the meantime, students applying to colleges or sixth forms will use the predicted grades generated from their Year 10 end-of-year examinations. The information students need to support their applications will be shared during form time. Please note that all applications should use the following e-mail address as the only school contact information - collegereferences@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk

Further guidance on supporting your child with college and sixth-form applications will be provided at the Parent Information Evening on Wednesday 16th September 2026.

We look forward to working closely with you throughout this important year and welcoming you to the school over the coming weeks.

Yours faithfully

Ms L Wood
Head Of year 11