

GCSE Trial Exams 2 – November Year 11



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General Information

Trial exams will take place between Monday 16th November and Thursday 26th November 2026.

Lessons will continue as normal when you're not in an exam.

All exams will take place in the hall unless stated. Where you will sit your exams and any exam arrangements in place for you are shown on your individual exam timetable.

Exams will be carried out under full exam conditions – the guidance for this is at the back of this booklet. You will have external invigilators for your exams.

Catch up sessions will be provided **after school** each day between **Monday 30th November and Thursday 3rd December.**

Students and parents will be notified on Friday 27th November about the day and exam to be caught up. Catch-up sessions will finish no later than 5.30pm.

Any student who misses an exam, or who does not attempt a significant proportion of an exam, will be required to attend a catch-up session.

An overview of the timetable is shown on the next page – **NOW** highlight your exams!

BE PREPARED

- Know **what** you need to know
 - Specification
 - Content to be examined
 - Knowledge checklists
- Know **when** you need to know it
 - Exam dates
- Know that you **know** it
 - Revisit, Review, Revise
- Know **how** to use it – practise
- Know **where** to get help
 - "If in doubt – shout!"
 - No problem is insurmountable
 - Talk to tutors and subject teachers
 - Take up offers of help

Follow the programme being covered in tutor time. Use the information given in this booklet to compliment the work done in tutor time.

- Short spurts of 'revision' are most effective, about 30 minutes.
- Find a quiet place to work – your bedroom, the library, the local library – and refuse to be interrupted or distracted.
- Speak to your parents / carer and let them know you will be revising. Ask them to help by letting you have a quiet area & encouraging you in your efforts
- Don't just revise the subjects you like. Work on your weak ones as well.
- Don't get stressed out – remember your resilience. Eat and sleep well. Take some exercise.
- Avoid distractions like mobile phones, social media and gaming. They won't help you do well.
- Listening to music? Is it really helping?
- Believe in yourself. Be positive. Be ambitious.

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Subject Information

	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5
Week A	Monday 16 th Nov	Block C English Literature	PRS/PE English Literature	Maths Maths – non calc.	PRS/PE Maths – non calc.
	Tuesday 17 th Nov	Block A Block A	Block A Block A	English RS	Maths RS
	Wednesday 18 th Nov	Maths Music	Block D Music	English Biology	Science Biology
	Thursday 19 th Nov	Academic Monitoring Day – students should use this time for independent revision			
	Friday 20 th Nov	Staff Training Day – Students could use this time for independent revision			

	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5
Week B	Monday 23 rd Nov	English Spanish	Maths	Block C Block C	Block C Block C
	Tuesday 24 th Nov	Science Chemistry	PRS/PE	Block B Block B	Block B Block B
	Wednesday 25 th Nov	English English Language	Science	Science Physics	Block D Physics
	Thursday 26 th Nov	Block D Block D	Science	Maths Maths – calc.	PRS/PE Maths – calc.
	Friday 27 th Nov	Lessons as normal			

	Block A	Block B	Block C	Block D
Exams taking place	Computer Science Food History DT	Food History Creative imedia	DT Geography History	Drama Food Geography PE
No exam – lessons continue as normal	French Spanish Study Support	Art Art 3D Spanish	Triple Science NVQ	Art Music Study Support

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Having set aside curriculum time for trial exams, catch-up sessions are not available during the school day as this would have further impact on subject teaching time.

Subject	Paper	Length	Content	Support
Computer Science	1 paper	1 hour 30 minutes	<p>Topic 1: Algorithms, truth tables.</p> <p>Topic 2: Data – binary, data representation, data storage and compression.</p> <p>Topic 3: Hardware and software components of computer systems.</p> <p>Topic 4: Networks – Computer networks and network security.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exercise books Microsoft Teams and their OneNote pages Seneca BBC Bitesize Edexcel website Pearson Edexcel revision guide
Creative iMedia	Paper 1	1 hour 30 mins	Full paper – R093 Creative iMedia in the media industry	Revision guides Class practise
Design Technology	1 paper	2 hours	See revision schedule	Revision books, revision homework throughout the year, support on ClassCharts and Teams
Drama	1 paper	1 hour 15 mins	Section A - The Crucible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Class notes Revision booklet
English Language	Paper 2	1 hour 45 mins	Section A – Non-fiction sources Section B – Persuasive Writing (Q5)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BBC Bitesize Exercise books / GCSE Trial Exams 1 (Year 10) - read through advice and guidance from teacher; look through green pen improvements.
English Literature	Paper 2	2 hours 15 mins	An Inspector Calls; Power & Conflict Poetry; Unseen poetry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revision guides (should have already purchased these through school)
Food Preparation and Nutrition	1 Paper	1 hour 45 mins	See revision schedule	See class charts for weekly tasks – workbook and revision cards

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French	Listening	Higher 45 mins Foundation 35 mins	Modules 1-6	A speaking assessment will also be completed.
Geography	Paper 1	1 hour 30 mins	Blue Book work – The Challenge of Natural Hazards; The living World; UK Physical Landscapes (Coasts and Rivers).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seneca Ongoing revision homeworks Past paper on ClassCharts Exercise book/revision guide Revision workbook E-revision, an online platform. Revision mode will recap previously completed work.
History	Paper 2	1 hour 50 minutes	Anglo-Saxons Medicine Through Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seneca Revision guides Thursday lunch time sessions (timetable to follow) Revision booklets Edexcel website for past papers
Maths	2 papers	2 x 1 hour 30 mins	Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exercise books AQA analysers from GCSE Trial Exams 1 (Year 10) exam feedback sessions. YouTube for 'walking, talking exams'.
Music	Listening	1 hour 30 minutes	Full written listening paper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The listening paper is 40% of your final mark and your performing and composing coursework is due for completion by Friday 27th November
PE	Paper 1	1 hour 15 mins	Paper 1	Revision guides Worksheet books Seneca Monday lunchtime PE room
RS	Paper 1	1 hour 45 minutes	Christianity and Judaism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revision guide Exercise book- Paper 1 book in your green folder. Seneca Knowledge Organisers which will be handed out in class. Past paper will be on ClassCharts.

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Subject	Paper	Length	Content	Support
Science	3 papers	Trilogy 1 hour 15 mins Triple 1 hour 45 mins.	Separate papers for Biology, Chemistry and Physics Paper 1 content will be examined for all three Sciences: Biology Topics; B1, B2, B3, B4. Chemistry Topics, C1, C2, C3, C4, C5. Physics Topics, P1, P2, P3, P4.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CGP Revision guides. • Revision checklists on class charts (paper copies available from Mr Crossland). • Past paper practice questions available on Beamminster school Science SharePoint. • "Free Science Lessons" (Youtube). • "Cognito Learning" (Youtube). • Seneca. • Thursday Lunch revision support sessions (Lab 3)
Spanish	Listening	Higher 45 mins Foundation 35 mins		A speaking assessment will also be completed.

French and Spanish speaking exams – 1st – 4th December - TBC

Art exam dates 7th and 8th December – TBC

5th – 11th October

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[illegible]

12th – 18th October

Create your own revision timetable. You could use colour to identify individual subjects. Remember to plan for sensible breaks, drink lots of water and have healthy snacks to hand.

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19th – 25th October

Create your own revision timetable. You could use colour to identify individual subjects. Remember to plan for sensible breaks, drink lots of water and have healthy snacks to hand.

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26th October – 1st November – HALF TERM

Create your own revision timetable. You could use colour to identify individual subjects. Remember to plan for sensible breaks, drink lots of water and have healthy snacks to hand.

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2nd – 8th November

Create your own revision timetable. You could use colour to identify individual subjects. Remember to plan for sensible breaks, drink lots of water and have healthy snacks to hand.

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9th – 15th November

Create your own revision timetable. You could use colour to identify individual subjects. Remember to plan for sensible breaks, drink lots of water and have healthy snacks to hand.

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Revision Timetable

Create your own revision timetable. You water and have healthy snacks to hand.

16th – 22nd November

Trial Exam WEEK 1

Academic Monitoring Day.

**good opportunity for
a full day of revision!**

INSET day. Another

~~Remember to plan for sensible breaks, drink lots of~~

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Revision Timetable

23rd – 27th November TRIAL EXAM

Create your own revision timetable. You could use colour to identify individual subjects. Remember to plan for sensible breaks, drink lots of water and have healthy snacks to hand.

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs
9am	Exams	Exams	Exams	Exams
10am				
11am				
12pm				
1pm				
2pm				
3pm	Exams	Exams	Exams	Exams
4pm				
5pm				
6pm				
7pm				
8pm				

Finished – Well done!

Which exam did you feel most prepared for? Why?

Least prepared for? Why?

What did you find the most effective when revising?

What will you do differently for the March mocks?

Appendix 3

Warning to candidates



1

You **must** be on time for all your examinations.

2

Possession of a mobile phone or other unauthorised material is not allowed even if you do not intend to use it. You will be subject to penalty and possible disqualification from the examination or qualification.

3

You **must not** talk to, attempt to communicate with or disturb other candidates once you have entered the examination room.

4

You **must** follow the instructions of the invigilator.

5

You **must not** sit an examination in the name of another candidate.

6

You **must not** become involved in any unfair or dishonest practice in any part of the examination.

7

If you are confused about anything during your examination, raise your hand to speak to an invigilator.

Do not speak to or disturb anyone else.

The *Warning to candidates* must be displayed in a prominent place outside each examination room. This may be a hard copy A3 paper version or an image of the poster projected onto a wall or screen for all candidates to see.

Appendix 4

Information for candidates for written examinations – effective from 1 September 2026



This document has been written to help you. Read it carefully and follow the instructions. If there is anything you do not understand, ask your teacher. You should also check with your teacher which calculator you may use in your exams.

A Regulations – Make sure you understand the rules	
1	Be on time for all your exams. If you are late, your work might not be accepted.
2	Do not become involved in any unfair or dishonest practice during the exam.
3	If you try to cheat or break the rules in any way, you could be disqualified from all your exams.
4	You must not take any unauthorised material into the exam room, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) notes, b) earphones or earbuds (e.g. AirPods), MP3/4 players or similar devices, smart devices, smart glasses, tablets (e.g. iPads or iPods), c) a mobile phone, d) a watch (e.g. analogue, digital, smartwatch). Any pencil cases taken into the exam room must be see-through. Remember: possession of unauthorised material is breaking the rules, even if you do not intend to use it, and you will be subject to sanctions and possible disqualification.
5	Do not use correcting pens, fluid or tape, erasable pens, highlighters or gel pens in your answers.
6	Do not talk to or try to communicate with or disturb other candidates once you have entered the exam room.
7	You must not write inappropriate, obscene or offensive material.
8	If you leave the exam room unaccompanied by an invigilator before the exam has finished, you will not be allowed to return.
9	Do not borrow anything from another candidate during the exam.
B Information – Make sure you attend your exams and bring what you need	
1	Know the dates and times of all your exams. Arrive at least ten minutes before the start of your exam.
2	If you arrive late for an exam, report to the invigilator running the exam.
3	If you arrive more than one hour after the published starting time for the exam, you may not be allowed to take it.
4	Only take into the exam room the pens, pencils, erasers and any other permitted equipment needed for the exam.
5	You must write clearly and in black ink. Coloured pencils or inks may be used for only diagrams, maps, charts, etc. unless the instructions printed on the front of the question paper state otherwise.
C Calculators, dictionaries and computer spellcheckers	
1	You may use a calculator unless you are told otherwise.
2	If you use a calculator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) make sure it works properly; check that the batteries are working properly, b) clear anything stored in its memory and make sure it is in exam mode, c) remove any parts such as cases, lids or covers which have printed instructions or formulae, d) do not bring any operating instructions or prepared programs into the exam room.
3	Do not use a dictionary or computer spellchecker unless you are told otherwise.

NO MOBILE PHONES NO SMART GLASSES NO WATCHES

NO STORAGE OR WEB-ENABLED DEVICES



Possession of unauthorised items
is a serious offence and could result in

DISQUALIFICATION

from your examination and your overall qualification.

This poster must be displayed and prominently placed outside of a examination room.