



ST EDWARD'S COLLEGE

LIVERPOOL

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

19 October 2026

Dear Parents/Carers of Year 11,

RE: Year 11 Mock Examinations (Ref: 131/26)

As we approach a crucial stage in your child's educational journey, I am writing to share key information regarding the upcoming Year 11 mock examinations, which will take place from Monday 23 November to Thursday 3 December.

These mock exams are a vital part of our preparation for the summer GCSEs, providing pupils with valuable exam practice, helping to identify areas for improvement, and building confidence over time. We greatly appreciate your continued support throughout this period.

Daily Exam Schedule and School Day Structure

Pupils will sit one exam at 9:00 am each day. A second exam may take place later in the day only if your child studies that particular subject.

- If a pupil does not have a second exam scheduled on a particular day, they will return to normal lessons until lunchtime at 1:25 pm.
- At 1:25 pm, all pupils will be dismissed for the day and expected to use the afternoon for independent revision at home.

This approach aims to help pupils balance independent study, build exam readiness, and develop positive habits for managing exam routines calmly and effectively, without unnecessary pressure.

Morning 'Revision Café'

To support pupils at the start of each day, we are pleased to offer our 'Revision Café' in the refectory from 8:00 am each morning. This provides a quiet space to revise, alongside complimentary toast.

All Year 11 pupils must arrive by 8:40 am for registration, ensuring they are fully prepared for the 9:00 am exam start.

Exam Expectations

To maintain high standards and consistency, please ensure your child attends each exam:

- In full school uniform
- With the correct equipment, including:
 - Black pens, pencils, ruler, eraser
 - Scientific calculator (where appropriate)
 - Any subject-specific materials

"LET ALL THAT YOU DO BE DONE IN LOVE" (1 CORINTHIANS 16:14)

How You Can Support Your Child

We know that support at home plays a vital role in pupils' success. Here are a few ways you can help:

- Place the exam timetable somewhere visible (e.g., on the fridge) to help your child stay organised.
- Check their equipment daily, ensuring they have everything they need for each exam.
- Encourage effective revision techniques, such as active recall and application of knowledge, which were shared during our revision evening and covered in the six in-school revision strategy sessions.
- Promote regular revision habits – little and often is most effective.
- Provide a quiet, tidy, and comfortable study space at home.
- Support healthy habits: Encourage a balanced diet, regular hydration, and at least 8 hours of sleep each night.

Further Support Available

We continue to offer a range of after-school revision sessions to support your child's preparation. Please refer to the attached timetable for full details.

Your child also has access to several online revision platforms, with individual logins already provided. A list of these resources is also attached.

Looking Ahead

- Mock results day: Tuesday 15 December
- Parents' Evening (face-to-face): Wednesday 13 January

These mocks give us the opportunity to assess where each pupil is currently working and to identify the specific areas where they need to focus their efforts before the final GCSE exams. This process helps pupils build familiarity with exam conditions and develop the confidence and independence required for success later in the year.

We'd also like to remind all families that excellent attendance throughout the exam period is essential. Every session provides valuable insights and supports long-term progress.

We're proud to be walking alongside you and your child during this important time. These upcoming weeks are not just about results - they're about identifying next steps, building resilience, and preparing our young people for the final stage of their secondary education journey.

Thank you again for your continued partnership.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs R Jones
Deputy Principal

Year 11 Exam Timetable November 2026

	Session 1 9:00am	Session 2 11:30am
Mon 23 November	Biology GCSE (1 hour 15 min) Combined Sci Biology (1 hour)	Geography Paper 1: Physical Geography (1 hour 30 min)
Tues 24 November	Maths Paper 1: Non Calculator (1 hour 30 min)	History: Elizabeth & Cold War (1 hour 50 min)
Wed 25 November	Chemistry GCSE (1 hour 15 min) Combined Sci Chemistry (1 hour)	Spanish/ French Listening (1 hour)
Thurs 26 November	English Literature: A Christmas Carol, An Inspector Calls and Unseen Poetry (2 hours 30 min)	PE Paper 1 (1 hour 15 min)
Friday 27 November	Art (2 hours)	Spanish/ French Reading (1 hour)
Monday 30 November	Maths Paper 2: Calculator (1 hour 30 min)	Geography Paper 2: Human Geography (1 hour 30 min)
Tuesday 1 December	RE: Judaism (1 hour)	PE Paper 2 (1 hour 15 min) Design Technology (1 hour 30 min)
Wednesday 2 December	English Language: Fiction Comprehension and Creative Writing (1 hour 45 min)	Spanish/ French Writing (1 hour 20 min)
Thursday 3 December	Hospitality & Catering (1 hour 30 min) Music (1 hour 30 min)	Computer Science: Computer Systems (1 hour 30 min)
Friday 4 December	Physics GCSE (1 hour 15 min) Combined Sci Physics (1 hour)	Art (3 hours)