St. Katherine's School

Amplify Education

21 October 2026

Dear parents/carers,

Key Stage 4 Mock Examination Series 2: 16 November 2026-27 November 2026

The Class of 2027 have made a fantastic start to Year 11. Term 1 has been busy with many incredible events and moments… and POMs! Sixth Form Open Evening enjoyed an aspirational buzz, and during Parents/Carers Information Evening there was an important sense of community support.

As we conclude Term 1, from **Thursday 22 October**, this is an important moment of rest for us all. For the Year 11s, it is also a valuable opportunity to reflect, consolidate and forge ahead with their preparations for their GCSE Examinations, using active revision techniques and the Pomodoro method as part of a deliberately planned revision schedule and balanced approach to wellbeing.

As part of their GCSE preparations, on **Monday 16 November 2026**, Year 11 begin Key Stage 4 Mock Series 2. I have attached the general timetable overleaf, as well as a useful resource bank which includes guides about 'how to…' actively revise, wellbeing advice for parents/carers and students, and resources around structuring revision, including how to 'POM'. Students will receive their personal timetables, including exam locations and their seat numbers in the week before their first examination.

Key Stage 4 Mock Series 2 is an important milestone in their GCSE journeys, as it acts as a valuable moment to appraise what is working well and what isn't currently working. It is essential that the Year 11 students give it their best possible effort, as these grades will be used to inform the Predicted Grades that we report to their Post-16 Destinations. It is absolutely essential that students do not miss any mock, or it could affect the issuing of their Predicted Grades to their Post-16 Destinations. On **Friday 18 December**, students will receive their results as part of our 'Mock Results Day'. We look forward to their hard work being recognised.

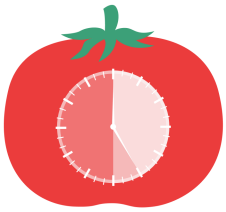
Should you have any questions, please contact me on either sugdena@skdrive.org or 01275 373737.

Yours sincerely,

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Mr Alexander Sugden
Year 11 Lead

KS4 Mock Series 2: General Timetable			
Date	Time	Mock Examination	Length
11/11/2026	09:00	Art + Textiles	All Day
	13:00		
12/11/2026	09:00	Photography	All Day
	13:00		
16/11/2026	09:00	Combined Science - Physics: Paper 1 Triple Science - Physics: Paper 1	1h15 1h45
	13:00	French: Writing Spanish: Writing Food Preparation and Nutrition	1h15 1h15 1h45
17/11/2026	09:00	Combined Science - Chemistry: Paper 1 Triple Science - Chemistry: Paper 1	1h15 1h45
	13:00	Mathematics: Paper 1 (non-calculator)	1h30
18/11/2026	09:00	History: Paper 1 - Migrants and Notting Hill	1h20
	13:00	Business Drama	1h45 1h30
19/11/2026	09:00	English Literature: Paper 1	1h45
	13:00	Engineering	1h10
20/11/2026	09:00	Geography: Paper 1 - Physical Geography	1h00
	13:00	Music Further Mathematics: Paper 1	1h45 1h45
23/11/2026	09:00	History: Paper 3 - The USA: Home and Abroad	1h30
	13:00	Geography: Paper 2 - Human Geography (and Paper 3 combined)	1h00
24/11/2026	09:00	Combined Science - Biology: Paper 1 Triple Science - Biology: Paper 1	1h15 1h45
	13:00	Mathematics: Paper 2 (calculator)	1h30
25/11/2026	09:00	English Language: Paper 1	1h45
	13:00	Computer Science: Paper 1 Health & Social Care: Paper 1	1h00 1h00
26/11/2026	09:00	Mathematics: Paper 3 (calculator)	1h30
	13:00	Further Mathematics: Paper 2	1h45

Independent Learning Guide		
All St Katherine's Year 11s revise using **Active Revision Techniques**…	… using **The Pomodoro Method** as part of a deliberately planned **Revision Schedule**…	… and balanced with a **Proactive Approach to Wellbeing**.
Introducing Active Revision How to Actively Revise Guides 1. Consolidating ☐ Flashcards ☐ Glossaries ☐ Mindmapping ☐ Timelining 2. Self-Quizzing ☐ The Leitner System ☐ Look → Cover → Write → Check ☐ Brain Dumping ☐ Quiz Yo'self 3. Self-Assessing ☐ Past Paper Questions	The Pomodoro Method ☐ How to do a POM ☐ The Theory behind the Pomodoro method ☐ A POMODORO Timer  25 min working 5 min resting Revision Schedules ☐ Making a Revision Schedule ☐ The Importance of Spaced Practice ☐ Supporting Habit Formation	Safeguarding Wellbeing ☐ The 4 Pillars of Proactive Wellbeing A Guide for Parents/Carers ☐ YoungMinds: A Wellbeing During Exams Guide for Parents/Carers A Guide for Children ☐ YoungMinds: A Wellbeing Guide During Exams for Young People Supporting your Child this Year ☐ Y11 Parents/Carers Information Evening Slides

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<tr><td>English Language</td><td>Exam Board:</td><td>AQA</td><td>Specification</td></tr>
<tr><td>Paper 1:</td><td colspan="2">25/11/2026 @ 09:00</td><td>1h45</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">Content:
4 reading questions
1 extended writing question</td><td colspan="2">Support:
Students have been given past papers to complete over Half Term. If desired, they can ask their teacher for additional papers.</td></tr>
<tr><td>English Literature</td><td>Exam Board:</td><td>AQA</td><td>Specification</td></tr>
<tr><td>Paper 1:</td><td colspan="2">19/11/2026 @ 09:00</td><td>1h45</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">Content:
One extract based essay question on Romeo and Juliet.
One extract based essay question on Pride and Prejudice.</td><td colspan="2">Support:
Students have been given extract booklets for both texts, which function as past paper exemplars. Students need to plan past essay questions, know their line of argument and know what quotes they will use.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Drama</td><td>Exam Board:</td><td>Eduqas</td><td>Specification</td></tr>
<tr><td>Paper:</td><td colspan="2">18/11/2026 @ 13:00</td><td>1h30</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">Content:
Section A Set text An Inspector Calls
Section B Live Theatre Review Peter Pan</td><td colspan="2">Support
Live theatre how to guide
Live theatre booklet
AIC revision and technique support</td></tr>
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Subject Guides - Mathematics			
Mathematics	**Exam Board:**	Edexcel	Specification
Paper 1 (non-calculator)	17/11/2026 @ 13:00		1h30
Paper 2 (calculator)	24/11/2026 @ 13:00		1h30
Paper 3 (calculator)	26/11/2026 @ 09:00		1h30

Content:

- All mathematical concepts can be assessed across the 3 papers.
  - Number
  - Algebra
  - Ratio and Proportion
  - Geometry and Measure
  - Statistics and Probability

Support:

- Ensure you use SparxMaths.
- Ensure you use your White Rose Revision Guides.
- Ensure you use Pinpoint Learning.
- First Class Maths and Maths Genie have lots of Past Papers and solutions you can use to help prepare. Remember, we are Edexcel.

Further Mathematics	**Exam Board:**	AQA	Specification
Paper 1	20/11/2026 @ 13:00		1h45
Paper 2	26/11/2026 @ 13:00		1h45

Content:

- All content can be assessed across the 3 papers.
  - Number
  - Algebra
  - Co-ordinate geometry
  - Differentiation
  - Matrices (not yet covered)
  - Trigonometry

Support:

- First Class Maths has lots of videos and exam practice on each topic, as well as Past Papers.
- CorbettMaths also has lots of practice questions, videos and answers.

Subject Guides - Science			
Combined Science	**Exam Board:**	AQA	Specification
Biology - Paper 1:	24/11/2026 @ 09:00		1h15
Chemistry - Paper 1:	17/11/2026 @ 09:00		1h15
Physics - Paper 1:	16/11/2026 @ 09:00		1h15

Content:

- Biology:
  - B1-Cell Structure and Transport
  - B2-Cell Division
  - B3-Organisation and Digestion
  - B4-Organising Animals and Plants
  - B5-Communicable Diseases
- Chemistry
  - C1-Atomic Structure
  - C2-The Periodic Table
  - C3-Structure and Bonding
  - C4-Chemical Calculations
  - C5-Chemical Changes
  - C6-Electrolysis
  - C7-Energy Changes
- Physics
  - P1-Conservation of Energy
  - P2-Energy Transfer by Heating
  - P3-Energy Resources
  - P4-Electric Circuits
  - P5-Electricity in the Home
  - P6-Molecules and Matter
  - P7-Radioactivity

Maths in Science and Working Scientifically will also be assessed across all papers.

Support:

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- Ensure you use your Sparx Science booklet.
- In Sparx complete flashcards and then questions.
- Complete past papers here
- Revision video links
- Required Practicals Booklets

Triple Science	Exam Board:	AQA	Biology Specification Chemistry Specification Physics Specification
Biology - Paper 1:	24/11/2026 @ 09:00		1h45
Chemistry - Paper 1:	17/11/2026 @ 09:00		1h45
Physics - Paper 1:	16/11/2026 @ 09:00		1h45

Content:

- Biology:
  - B1-Cell Structure and Transport
  - B2-Cell Division
  - B3-Organisation and Digestion
  - B4-Organising Animals and Plants
  - B5-Communicable Diseases
  - B6-Preventing and Treating Disease
  - B7-Non-communicable Diseases
- Chemistry
  - C1-Atomic Structure
  - C2-The Periodic Table
  - C3-Structure and Bonding
  - C4-Chemical Calculations
  - C5-Chemical Changes
  - C6-Electrolysis
  - C7-Energy Changes
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Maths in Science and Working Scientifically will also be assessed across all papers.

Support:

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- Ensure you use your Sparx Science booklet.
- In Sparx complete flashcards and then questions.
- Complete past papers here.
- Revision video links.
- Required Practicals Booklets.

Subject Guides - Humanities

Geography	Exam Board:	AQA	Specification
Paper 1 - Physical:	20/11/2026 @ 09:00		1h30
Paper 2/3 - Human:	23/11/2026 @ 13:00		1h00

Content:

Paper 1 - Physical Geography

- The challenge of natural hazards
- Living world (rainforests and deserts)
- Coastal landscapes in the UK
- River landscapes in the UK

Paper 2/3 - Human Geography and Fieldwork

- Urban issues and challenges
- Questions relating to the two fieldwork trips

Support:

- The revision resource to complete can be found here. An editable version is available on google classroom.
- Make flashcards for the key terms which are highlighted in your books. On one side write the word and on the back write the definition. Ask your family and friends to test you.
- Look → Cover → Write → Check is a great strategy for learning processes and landforms
- Create mindmaps or visual organisers for your case study questions.
- Past papers can be accessed here. Practice as many questions as you can and use the mark schemes to self-assess your work.
- Online revision resources can be accessed here.
- Online quizzing can be found here and here.

History	Exam Board:	Edexcel	Specification
Paper 1 - Migration:	18/11/2026 @ 09:00		1h20
Paper 3 - The USA:	23/11/2026 @ 09:00		1h30

Content:

Paper 1: Migrants in Britain, c800 to present and Notting Hill

- Medieval migration c.800-c.1500
- Early modern migration c. 1500-c.1700
- 18th & 19th century migration c.1700-c.1900
- Modern migration c.1900 to present
- Notting Hill c.1948-c.1970

Paper 3: The USA: conflict at home and abroad

- The development of the civil rights movement 1954-1960
- Protest, progress and radicalism c.1960-1975
- US involvement in the Vietnam War c.1954-1975

Support:

- Yr11 history mock revision guidance

Business	Exam Board:	Edexcel	Specification
Paper 1:	18/11/2026 @ 13:00		1h45

Content:

- Topic 1.1 Enterprise and entrepreneurship
- Topic 1.2 Spotting a business opportunity
- Topic 1.3 Putting a business idea into practice
- Topic 1.4 Making the business effective
- Topic 1.5 Understanding external influences on business

Support:

- Flashcards
- Quizzes
- GCSE Business Questions and Model Answers - 1.1
- GCSE Business Questions and Model Answers - 1.2
- GCSE Business Questions and Model Answers - 1.3
- GCSE Business Questions and Model Answers - 1.4
- GCSE Business Questions and Model Answers - 1.5
- Past Papers

Subject Guides - Modern Foreign Languages

French	Exam Board:	AQA	Specification
Paper 4:	16/11/2026 @ 13:00		1h45

Content:

- Writing - Foundation
  - 1- write 5 sentences to describe a photo
  - 2 - translate 5 sentences to French.
  - 3 - write a short text (50 words) about 5 bullet points.
  - 4 - choose between 2 options of a 90-word question based on 3 bullet points.
- Writing - Higher
  - 1 - translate 5 sentences to French.
  - 2 - choose between 2 options of a 90-word question based on 3 bullet points.
  - 3 - choose between 3 options of a 150-word question based on 2 bullet points.

Additional Papers

- **Speaking** - taking place on Monday 30 November 2026. Your teacher will provide you with a slot time for your speaking exam.
- **Listening & Reading** - will take place in the double lesson, P4 and P5, on Wednesday 9 December 2026.

Support:

- Learning the vocabulary, for example, create flashcards with English on one side and Spanish on the other side / mind maps / vocab lists.
- Full vocab lists for each topics can be found on Quizlet:
  - Identity and relationships with others
  - Healthy Living and Lifestyle
  - Education and Work
  - Free Time Activities
  - Customs, Festivals and Celebrations
  - Celebrity Culture
- Testing yourself - cover the english/ cover the spanish/ check if you know what they mean.
- Going to Language Gym and practising the revision tasks that will be assigned.
- Going to BBC Bitesize - it contains pages on the 6 topics we've covered so far, as well as all grammar topics. You can test yourself in all 4 skills.
- Complete your Speaking Booklet up to (and including) Theme 2, topic 3 - Celebrity Culture. This acts as revision for both the Speaking and Writing papers.

Spanish	Exam Board:	AQA	Specification
Paper 4:	16/11/2026 @ 13:00		1h45

Content:

- Writing - Foundation
  - 1- write 5 sentences to describe a photo
  - 2 - translate 5 sentences to Spanish.
  - 3 - write a short text (50 words) about 5 bullet points.
  - 4 - choose between 2 options of a 90-word question based on 3 bullet points.
- Writing - Higher
  - 1 - translate 5 sentences to Spanish.
  - 2 - choose between 2 options of a 90-word question based on 3 bullet points.
  - 3 - choose between 3 options of a 150-word question based on 2 bullet points.

Additional Papers

- **Speaking** - taking place on Thursday and Friday 3/4 December 2026. Your teacher will provide you with a slot time for your speaking exam.
- **Listening & Reading** - will take place in the double lesson, P4 and P5, on Wednesday 9 December 2026.

Support:

- Learning the vocabulary, for example, create flashcards with English on one side and Spanish on the other side / mind maps / vocab lists.
- Full vocab lists for each topics can be found on Quizlet:
  - Identity and Relationships
  - Healthy Living & Lifestyle
  - Education & Work
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  - Customs, Festivals and Celebrations
  - Celebrity Culture
- Testing yourself - cover the english/ cover the spanish/ check if you know what they mean.
- Going to Language Gym and practising the revision tasks that will be assigned.
- Going to BBC Bitesize - it contains pages on the 5 topics we've covered so far, as well as all grammar topics. You can test yourself in all 4 skills.
- Complete your Speaking Booklet up to (and including) Theme 2, topic 3 - Celebrity Culture. This acts as revision for both the Speaking and Writing papers.

Subject Guides - DAT and Music			
Art	**Exam Board:**	AQA	Specification
Paper 1:	11/11/2026 @ 09:00		All Day

Content:
- Arrive to Room 10 at 8:30am on 11/11/2026 to set up working stations for a prompt start at 9am.
- Working to produce a Final Piece(s) which have been pre-planned through Personal Project development work.

Support:
- Continue to make regular reference to the Assessment Objectives 1-4 (A0 1-4).
- Students can prepare in advance any materials and may begin working on their final outcome ahead of the mock exam time if their idea is particularly ambitious.
- Students are encouraged to make use of facilities and equipment in room 10, for exam preparation and for completing presentation of work. Students can access room 10 during any lunchtime other than Wk2 Mon and Fri.
- Create a 5 hour mock exam plan to work from during the mock exam.

Engineering	**Exam Board:**	Cambridge National	Specification
Paper 1:	19/11/2026 @ 13:00		1h10

Content:
- Design Cycle/Process
- Materials/Manufacture Methods
- Scales of Production
- Drawing Techniques/Diagrams/Conventions
- Working Drawings and Abbreviations
- Sustainability
- ACCESS FM
- Legislation and Standards
- Modelling and Testing
- Tools and Equipment

Support:
- Engineering Theory
- Notes from exercise books
- Previous mock exam papers
- Revision guide and question booklet sold on ParentPay

Food Prep and Nutrition	**Exam Board:**	Eduqas	Specification
Paper 1:	16/11/2026 @ 13:00		1h45

Content:
- Bread
- Meat
- Vegan
- Nutrients
- Sugar
- Fibre
- Lactose intolerance
- Decay of fruit
- Energy
- Microbial growth
- Food labelling
- Environmental awareness of food shopping

Support:
- Revision content booklet given out in the lessons which covers all the topics - Google Classroom.
- BBC Bitesize
- Revision guides and workbook.
- Revision guides flashcards.
- Testing yourself with key words/ definitions/ processes.
- Past papers and marking schemes - Google Classroom

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<tr><th>Paper 1:</th><td colspan="2">20/11/2026 @ 13:00</td><td>1h45</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">Content:
Samba Em Preludio
Release
Defying Gravity
Star Wars
Music For A While
Killer Queen
Unfamiliar listening
Dictation
Comparative essay question</td><td colspan="2">Support:
Notes in exercise books.
Folders containing set works scores (take home).
BBC Bitesize
Purple CGP revision books.
Revision materials posted in music google classroom.
Testing yourself on the musical elements and the vocabulary needed to describe them.</td></tr>
<tr><th>Photography</th><th>Exam Board:</th><td>AQA</td><td>Specification</td></tr>
<tr><th>Paper 1:</th><td colspan="2">12/11/2026 @ 09:00</td><td>All Day</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">Content:
Arrive to room CR4 at 8:30am on 12/11/2026 to set up working stations for a prompt start at 9am.
Working towards producing a final outcome that represents their Unit 1 coursework. Students will be expected to spend the 5 hour exam planning/creating/presenting their final outcome. This could be through editing on photoshop or physical manipulations as planned prior to the exam.
This is an opportunity to further develop and refine their coursework project ready for a final hand in in December.</td><td colspan="2">Support:
Refer to section 3.9 of the AQA specification (linked above).
Continue to make regular reference to the Assessment Objectives (AO1: Idea development; AO2: Experimentation; AO3: Recording and refining; AO4: Final Outcome.
Students are encouraged to make use of facilities and equipment in room 18, for exam preparation and coursework development. Specifically, supported sessions run Wednesday Lunchtimes Week 2.
Students are also encouraged to borrow cameras from the department to take photos at home that link to their coursework that they can then use for their exam/final outcome.</td></tr>
<tr><th>Textiles</th><th>Exam Board:</th><td>AQA</td><td>Specification</td></tr>
<tr><th>Paper 1:</th><td colspan="2">11/11/2026 @ 09:00</td><td>All Day</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">Content:
Arrive to Room 13 at 8.30am on 11/11/26, to set up work stations ready for prompt start at 9am.
Working to produce a Final Piece which has been pre-planned. It will be some form of textile art, functional or non-functional. The work is a culmination of the students chosen theme for their Personal Project. At the end of the exam, all work is to be submitted including display boards.</td><td colspan="2">Support:
Refer to section 3.7 page 20 of the AQA specification (link above).
Continue to make regular reference to the Assessment Objectives 1-4 (A0 1-4). These can be found as flashcards on your Google Classroom, or as paper copies in room 13.
A0 1-4 Textiles Flashcards
Students can prepare in advance any materials that require drying time, or setting time. Any elements of the final piece created before exam day will be photographed, so it is clear what work has been completed during the 5 exam hours.
Students are encouraged to make use of facilities and equipment in room 13, for exam preparation and for completing display boards. Specifically, supported sessions run every Thursday lunchtime, and every Thursday after school.</td></tr>
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<tr><td colspan="2">Content:
Paper 1 - Computer systems
Paper 2 - Computational thinking, algorithms and programming</td><td colspan="2">Support:
The revision hub - contains links to a recommended revision guide, past papers, revision materials and a topic checklist</td></tr>
<tr><td>Health & Social Care</td><td>Exam Board:</td><td>OCR</td><td>Specification</td></tr>
<tr><td>Paper 1:</td><td colspan="2">25/11/2026 @ 13:00</td><td>1h</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">Content:
Topic area 1
Topic area 2
Topic area 3</td><td colspan="2">Support:
Revision guide</td></tr>
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