



# Longbenton HIGH SCHOOL

February 2025

## Dear Year 11 Families

We have arrived at the end of another half-term and the GCSE exams are getting ever closer. All of us at Longbenton have been so impressed to see our Year 11s becoming more and more focused, more and more determined and more and more confident in their revision and their attitudes to learning. The new morning revision sessions have been well attended and we continue to see students stay after school nearly every night to take advantage of the Inspire revision sessions as well. A huge well done to them!

## MOCKS and EXAM TIMELINE

The final full set of Mocks before the exams will begin on Monday 10 March and run for two weeks. Students are expected to attend school as normal and will be revising for their mocks in lesson time. Students should also be revising independently at home and are encouraged to make a revision timetable, ensuring they're planning in breaks as well! Please also remind your young people of the importance of punctuality for these mocks; they provide an important opportunity to practise meeting the challenges of the demands of the exam timetable.

Included in this letter is a timeline of the coming weeks approaching the exams and key dates for NEA and exams. Students will be given a formal exam timetable but this gives an overview of when exams are.

## PROM

A reminder that our Year 11 Prom will take place on Friday 4 July 7pm-10pm in the Magpie Suite at St James Park. There is a buffet, photo booth, games and a dj included in the price of the ticket and a bar with soft drinks available for purchase (card only). Ticket prices have been finalised and will cost £50. There will be the opportunity to set up payment plans to spread out the cost of the ticket.

## PASSPORT TO PROM

Students are continuing to buy into the Passport to Prom and we have seen a real positive impact with some students who are using it to find that extra bit of motivation to make the right choice. To summarise:

- All students begin with 150 prom points, which are unrelated to points on Bromcom.
- In most cases, students will need 150 points to attend prom.
- Students lose 5 points for each detention and 15 points for each day of RESET/ Suspension.
- Students gain 10 points for each week with no sanctions issued.
- Students who drop significantly below 100 points will no longer be allowed to go to Prom.



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- Tutors share the prom point totals with tutees each week and warn those students who are 'at risk'.
- Students who can no longer attend Prom will be informed by the Year 11 Pastoral team.
- Persistent absence may result in losing their invites to Prom unless there is evidence of some improvement.
- Final decisions on the invitations will be made by 10 April, although we reserve the right to disinvite students after this date in the event of a serious incident.

### **HOODIES**

From the start of next half term, on Monday 3 March, all students with a leavers hoodie will be allowed to wear it. The hoodie replaces the blazer, which students with a hoodie will no longer have to wear, but all other items of uniform must be worn as normal. If your young person does not have a leavers' hoodie they are expected to wear their full uniform as normal.

Thank you so much for all the support you are giving your young people as they enter this final stretch before the GCSE exam period.

Yours faithfully,

Miss A Potts, Ms E Doucet and Mrs D Aikman  
The Year 11 Pastoral Team.



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## EXAMS 2025 - Year 11/13 timeline

weeks until exams	W/b	Y11 EXAMS 25
<b>FEBRUARY HALF TERM (Friday 21st February - Monday 3rd March)</b>		
9	3rd March	<b>Monday 3.15 : Science revision</b> <b>Tues 8-8.30 : Science AM Ambition</b> <b>Wed 8-8.30 : Maths AM Ambition</b> <b>Thursday 8-8.30 : English AM Ambition</b> <b>Thursday 3.15 : Maths revision</b> <b>Thursday 4th March : Drama Performance</b>
8	10th March	<b>Monday 10th : Business and Enterprise NEA deadline</b> <b>Mock exam week</b>
7	17th March	<b>Mock exams Mon-Wed</b> <b>Friday 21st : Creative Imedia NEA deadline</b>
6	24th March	<b>Monday 3.15 : Science revision</b> <b>Tues 8-8.30 : Science AM Ambition</b> <b>Wed 8-8.30 : Maths AM Ambition</b> <b>Thursday 8-8.30 : English AM Ambition</b> <b>Thursday 3.15 : Maths revision</b>
5	31st March	<b>Monday 3.15 : Science revision</b> <b>Tues 8-8.30 : Science AM Ambition</b> <b>Wed 8-8.30 : Maths AM Ambition</b> <b>Thursday 8-8.30 : English AM Ambition</b> <b>Thursday 3.15 : Maths revision</b> <b>Friday 4th : Music NEA Performances</b>
4	7th April	<b>Monday 3.15 : Science revision</b> <b>Tues 8-8.30 : Science AM Ambition</b> <b>Wed 8-8.30 : Maths AM Ambition</b> <b>Thursday 8-8.30 : English AM Ambition</b> <b>Thursday 3.15 : Maths revision</b>
<b>2-3 EASTER (Thursday 10th April - Monday 28th April)</b>		
1	28th April	<b>Art exam : Tuesday - Wednesday</b> <b>Photography exam : Thursday - Friday</b> <b>MFL Speaking exams from Wednesday 30th</b> <b>Friday 2nd : Portfolio deadline Art and Photography</b>
	5th May	<b>MFL Speaking exams all week</b> <b>Thursday 8th : Drama exam (am)</b>



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		Friday 9th : Child Development exam (pm)
12th May		<b>Monday 12th : English Literature Paper 1 (am)</b> <b>Computer Science - Principles of CS (pm)</b> <b>Tuesday 13th : Religious Studies Paper 1 (am)</b> <b>Biology Paper 1 / Combined Science Biology Paper 1 (pm)</b> <b>Wednesday 14th : Geography Paper 1 (am)</b> <b>Sport Studies - Contemporary Issues (pm)</b> <b>Thursday 15th : Maths Paper 1 (am)</b> <b>Friday 16th : History - Crime and Punishment (am)</b>
19th May		<b>Monday 19th : Chemistry Paper 1/Combined Science Chem Paper 1 (am)</b> <b>GCSE PE (pm)</b> <b>Tuesday 20th : English Literature Paper 2 (am)</b> <b>Computer Science - Application (pm)</b> <b>Wednesday 21st : French - reading and listening (am)</b> <b>Religious Studies Paper 2(pm)</b> <b>Thursday 22nd : Physics Paper 1 / Combined Science Physics Paper 1 (am)</b> <b>Friday 23rd : English Language Paper 1 (am)</b>
<b>MAY HALF TERM (Friday 23rd May - Monday 2nd June)</b>		
2nd June		<b>Monday - Tuesday : Y11 revision days schedule TBC</b> <b>Wednesday 4th : Maths Paper 2 (am)</b> <b>Thursday 5th : History - American West, Richard &amp; John (am)</b> <b>French -writing (pm)</b> <b>Friday 6th : English Language Paper 2 (am)</b> <b>Geography Paper 2 (pm)</b>
9th June		<b>Monday 9th : Biology Paper 2 / Combined Science Biology Paper 2 (am)</b> <b>Creative imedia (pm)</b> <b>Tuesday 10th : Spanish listening and reading (am)</b> <b>History Weimar and Nazi Germany (pm)</b> <b>Wednesday 11th : Maths Paper 3 (am)</b> <b>Wednesday 11th pm - Contingency</b> <b>Thursday 12th : Geography Paper 3 (am)</b> <b>Further Maths Paper 1 (pm)</b> <b>Hospitality and Catering (pm)</b> <b>Friday 13th : Chemistry Paper 2/Combined Science Chem Paper 2 (am)</b>
16th June		<b>Monday 16th : Physics Paper 2 / Combined Science Physics Paper 2 (am)</b> <b>Music (pm)</b> <b>Tuesday 17th : Spanish - writing (am)</b> <b>Wednesday 18th : DT (am)</b> <b>Further Maths Paper 2 (pm)</b>
23rd June		<b>Wednesday 25th - Contingency</b>
30th June		<b>Friday 4th July - Prom @ St James Park @ 7pm</b>