



**THE WESTLEIGH SCHOOL**  
Aspiring & Achieving Together

January 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

In preparation for the final GCSE examinations, which begin on **Tuesday 5th May 2026**, we are now approaching the **final set of GCSE mock examinations**. These will begin on **Wednesday 25th February**, and students will sit past examination papers under conditions that closely mirror the real GCSE experience.

Attendance during these mock examinations is extremely important. However, it is equally important that students attend school **in the weeks leading up to the mocks**. Lessons during this period focus on essential knowledge, exam skills, and preparation that cannot be replicated if time is missed. From **Monday 26th January**, there are **11 school weeks remaining** until the start of the GCSE examinations, making attendance during this time vital to your child's success.

Following the mock examinations, teachers will carefully analyse the results to identify gaps in knowledge and provide targeted support. For this reason, **attendance during the final part of your child's school journey is more important than ever**. Generic exam timetables will be issued on **Friday 23rd January**.

**Morning revision sessions will run daily from 8:10am, with breakfast provided. Attendance from 8:10am is expected and essential, as these sessions give teachers the opportunity to provide last-minute guidance, exam techniques, and key reminders that support students during this crucial period.**

Whilst we recognise that examinations can be a stressful time, there are several ways you can support your child at home:

- Ensure your child gets a good night's sleep
- Encourage a healthy routine, including a suitable meal before bedtime
- Ensure your child arrives at school promptly for morning revision sessions
- Encourage regular independent revision at home

We also expect students to:

- Attend school every day, including morning revision sessions
- Complete all questions in each exam paper
- Complete independent revision set on Showbie, Sparx, SENECA, and through past exam papers

Finally, we would like to highlight the following important dates:

- **Friday 23rd January** – Wigan and Leigh interviews
- **Wednesday 25th February** – Final set of mock examinations
- **Friday 13th March** – Wigan and Leigh interviews
- **Thursday 19th March** – Year 11 Photo Day
- **Friday 20th March** – Year 11 mock results day
- **Thursday 26th March** – Year 11 final parents' evening

Thank you for your continued support during this important time. Working together, we can ensure that your child is fully prepared to achieve their best possible outcomes.

Yours faithfully,

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