

KH/LMC/TM/Year 11

8th September 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to Year 11

I am writing to update you with some important upcoming dates for Year 11.



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Mocks - The first set of Yr 11 mocks start on Monday 12th October and run until Friday 6th November - As with the Yr 10 mocks in June, pupils will be required to revise for exams in all subjects. A timetable for this will follow shortly. The second set of mocks are Monday 8th February until Friday 5th March. Your child must attend all mock exams.

Mock results and Parents Evenings - Pupils will be given their results from their first mock examinations in an assembly on Thursday 3rd December. You will have the opportunity to discuss your child's mock results and predicted grades at Year 11 Parents Evening (to be held virtually) on Thursday 3rd December. Pupils will be given their results from their second mocks in an assembly on Friday 19th March. On Thursday 15th April, you will have the opportunity to discuss your child's mock results and predicted grades at a further Parents Evening (to be held virtually).

To support pupils with their preparation for the first mock exam period, we have put the following support in place:

- 1) **'How to revise' support evening – Monday 28th September 5:30-6:30pm** – following on from mocks in Yr 10, your child may be looking for more effective ways to revise. This optional session will help pupils with their revision techniques to help them prepare for the next round of mocks. More details to follow shortly.
- 2) **'Period 6' – Monday to Friday - 3:20pm-4:00pm.** These are small group intervention sessions that target specific learning needs within each subject. Period 6 will take place in 6 week blocks throughout the year. The first round will commence on Monday 7th September and run until Friday 9th October. These sessions are not optional, and registers will be taken. You will be able to see your child's timetable on classcharts from Friday 4th September. Please support us by ensuring your child attends these sessions. If there is an issue with your child's attendance to a Period 6, please contact postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk or ask your child to speak to Mrs McLaurie before the Period 6 is due to take place.
- 3) **Form Time** – there will be virtual assemblies with Mrs McLaurie – these will give important messages about upcoming events and key things to focus on that week. Some mornings will include booster sessions from subject teachers and also targeted support sessions for certain pupils. Pupils are expected to bring revision materials every day to complete in form.
- 4) **Group Changes** – during the year, and particularly after the mock results, it may be necessary to change classes so that your child is in a class with those who are performing of similar ability. These changes will be made so that your child's teachers can target the work to a specific level and better support pupils towards hitting their target grades.
- 5) **'6-7 Clubs'** – soon we will start offering optional online live lessons for some subjects that will take place between 6pm-7pm. Once these have started, you will be notified of what subjects are available on which days.
- 6) **Period 0** – these are optional before school sessions (8:00-8:40am) – once these have started, you will be notified of what subjects are available on which days.



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- 7) **Core PE** – some students will be given short-term Maths/English intervention during core PE lessons. These will be based on need and students will return to core PE once the intervention is over.
- 8) **Revision guides, resources and revision materials on the website / teams** – your child was given the opportunity to purchase a set of revision guides for all subjects in Year 10. There are also plentiful resources on our school website and also via the online platforms which your child will be given the details for. If you are ordering further revision materials via other methods (e.g Amazon) please ensure you order for the correct exam boards. They are:

Exam Board	Subject
OCR	Computer Science, Art, Textiles
AQA	English Language, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Science (Combined), History, Geography, Sociology, Psychology, Philosophy
EDEXCEL	Maths, English Literature, French, German, PE
WJEC	Catering
BTEC	IT, Media, Health and Social Care, Child Development, Sport, Enterprise, Dance, Drama, Music

- 9) **Final Exams (Summer 2027)** – a provisional timetable will be available on the website shortly. Please do not book any holidays in Summer 2027 until you have seen this timetable.
- 10) **Stress workshops** – it is normal for students to feel a certain amount of pressure in this very important year. Our website lists plenty of places where further support is available as well as some helpful stress management tips. If you are seriously concerned about how the pressure of exams is affecting your child, please get in touch via postbox and we can offer additional support.
- 11) **Meetings before mock exams** – some parents will be contacted to attend 1-2-1 meetings with Head of House and Mrs McLaurie (Deputy Headteacher). These meetings will be provide time to clearly set expectations for the coming year and ensure that all available avenues of support are being utilised.
- 12) **Year 11 Prom** – this will be held at the end of June. Further details to follow shortly.
- 13) **Detentions-** if your child gains a detention that is on the same afternoon as a period 6, they are expected to complete the detention after their period 6. Pupils will be collected from Period 6 to attend the detention. A failproof method to avoid this will be to not gain a detention.

If you have any questions about the support that is being provided please contact postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk

Yours sincerely,



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