

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Y11 students have made a fantastic start to this new academic year. Y11 lessons have been focused and purposeful and I have been delighted with their engagement. Our attendance is currently above national average and is the highest attendance for a Y11 cohort at Filey School in recent years. This fills me with optimism for the year ahead.

On Thursday of this week, we have our first Y11 GCSE Support Evening 6-8pm on our school site. Thank you to everyone who has already booked on. There are limited spaces left should you still wish to book. Please make every effort to attend this vital evening.

Students will sit their first round of trial exams on the week beginning Monday 6th October. These will be completed in their core subjects: English, Maths and Science. On the morning of each trial exam there will be a revision opportunity in the library with staff at 8:20 – 8:40. Students will then receive an exam briefing in our school hall in which the curriculum leaders will remind students of timing and exam strategies for success. These effective systems and routines will help build confidence and success in the GCSE exam series. We will also be changing the order of after school enrichment during this week to ensure that students receive a pre-exam revision session before their exams.

Please find below the examination timetable for this round of trial exams.

	Week 1					Week 2
Date	Monday 6 th October	Tuesday 7 th October	Wednesday 8 th October	Thursday 9 th October	Friday 10 th October	Monday 13 th October
Exam	Maths Paper 1 (Non-Calculator) (1h 30m)	Maths Paper 2 (Calculator) (1h 30m)		English Language C2 (2 hours)	Maths Paper 2 (Calculator) (1h 30m)	Science – Biology (1hr 15m)
Enrichment After school	Maths		English	Science		

To support your child's revision activities, we would advise completing the following tasks:

English – Complete all homework set by class teachers – these are specific planning or research activities to support them in coming up with ideas in the exam. Read examples of newspaper articles and speeches. Test your child on the specific layout of different formats: articles, formal letters, speeches and ask them to explain how they differ.

Maths – Students should use the following websites for revision for their Mathematics Trial Exams;

- Sparx Maths.
MathsGenie.
- 1st Class Maths.

Students will also be provided with topic lists and revision materials by their Maths teacher, that will support towards success in the trial exam.

Science – To support your child in the upcoming trial exams, we recommend focusing their revision and home learning on Biology Paper 2 topics, including Ecology, Homeostasis, and Inheritance. The Sparx home learning platform is now live, with weekly questions on these areas, and students can also search for specific Biology topics through the Independent Learning section. Every student has a personal revision guide used in class, which can also be taken home to aid their studies. In addition, Monday after-school P6 enrichment lessons provide tailored support with exam-style questions; students unable to attend can collect the materials covered and return completed work to Mr Young for feedback. Further useful resources include YouTube channels such as Free Science Lessons, Khan Academy, and Science Shorts, as well as BBC Bitesize, Quizlet, and the AQA website for past papers

We understand that trial exams can be a stressful time for students and families. Your continued support at home by giving encouragement, providing a quiet study space, and ensuring good sleep and healthy routines can make a meaningful difference in your child's preparation and wellbeing.

If you have any questions about the trial exams or need any further support, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am looking forward to working with you and your child during this pivotal year ahead.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mr J Philliskirk'.

Mr J Philliskirk

Associate Vice Principal