

The Gilbert School

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24th January 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

We hope this letter finds you well as we approach the end of January.

Year 11 students will be issued with their statements of entry for the summer examinations after half term. They will need to check these for accuracy and contact the Examinations Officer, Mrs Iftikhar (nif@gilberd.com) if there are any errors.

There are a range of practical examinations and NEA deadlines that students have been made aware of. These are outlined below:

Key Y11 Assessment and Practical Dates 2025	
22 nd January	X pop Parents' Evening
29 th January	Y pop Parents' Evening
3 rd – 7 th February	Food Practical Exams
10 th – 13 th February	Food Practical Exams
17 th – 21 st February	HALF TERM
24 th & 25 th February	German Mock Orals
26 th – 28 th February	French Mock Orals
3 rd & 4 th March	Drama practical exam
7 th March	Geography Revision, Mersea
17 th – 20 th March	Core Mocks Week
24 th – 27 th March	Music Solo Performances
28 th March	Dance Practical Exams
7 th – 18 th April	EASTER HOLIDAY
21 st April	Bank Holiday
22 nd April	Term starts
22 nd & 23 rd April	Art Practical Exam
22 nd & 23 rd April/24 th & 25 th April	Textiles Practical Exam (2 groups)
24 th & 25 th April	German Orals
28 th – 30 th April (30 th AM only)	French Orals
Date tbc by OCR	PE Moderator in
8th May	GCSE Written Exams Start

We are continuing to hold revision sessions for Year 11 during term time. These are also outlined overleaf.
Do please encourage your child to attend.

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Year 11 Term Time Revision 2024-25

Day	Lunchtime	After School (from 3.20pm)
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science Tassomai catch-up (Rm 15) • Textiles drop-in (Rm 104) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health & Social Care NEA Catch-up/Improvement (Rm 25) • Music Coursework catch-up by individual arrangement (3.30pm start) • GCSE PE Extra Time by prior arrangement only (PE EXT)
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art drop-in (Rms 105,106) • German Speaking (Rm36) Tues B • Science Tassomai catch-up (Rm 15) • Textiles drop-in (Rm 104) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maths (Rms 50-52, 54-59, 103)
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art drop-in (Rms 105, 106) • Food catch-up/revision (Rm 22) • Science Tassomai catch-up (Rm 15) • Textiles drop-in (Rm 104) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English (E Block)
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art drop-in (Rms 105, 106) • Computer Science (Rm 58c) • Science Tassomai catch-up (Rm 15) • Textiles drop-in (Rm 104) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science (Rms 5, 6, 8, 10-12, 14, 17)
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science Tassomai catch-up (Rm 15) • Textiles drop-in (Rm 104) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GCSE Art Drop-in (Rms 105, 106) • Business Studies (Rm 41) • Computer Science (Rm 102) • Drama revision (3.30pm start) * • French drop-in (Rm 35) • Geography (Rms 62, 63) • German drop-in (Rm 36) • Health & Social Care NEA Catch-up/Improvement (Rm 25) • History (Rms 60, 67) • Music Coursework catch-up by individual arrangement (3.30pm start) • GCSE Music Revision Week A only (3.30pm start/Rm 72) • GCSE PE Revision (PE Ext)

*Drama – starting after February half term

In addition, there are two coursework sessions being held over half term to support students:

Year 11 February Half Term Revision 2025

Day	Year Group	Subject	Approximate Timings	Rooms	Teachers	Session Details
Monday 17th February	11	Design Technology	09:00-13:00	29	BDE/TMI (tbc)	NEA catch up
Tuesday 18th February	10/11	H&SC	09:00-13:00	15, 25	KCH/KHU	Y10/Y11 Coursework catch up
Wednesday 19th February	No Revision Sessions					
Thursday 20th February	No Revision Sessions					
Friday 21st February	No Revision Sessions					

The teachers overseeing these sessions will contact parents/carers directly regarding these. Details of the revision sessions taking place during the Easter and May holidays are still being finalised.

Year 11 have another set of mock examinations in the core subjects during the week of 17th March. These examinations provide students with another opportunity to experience the examination conditions that they will face in the summer series. The schedule for the mocks is outlined overleaf.

YEAR 11 'Core Subject' Mock Timetable - March 2025

DAY	<u>Week A</u> Mon 17 th March	Tues 18 th March	Wed 19 th March	Thurs 20 th March	Fri 21 st March
Session 1 08:40-10:50 Pd 1 & 2	Maths Paper 1 1h30	English Language Paper 1 1h45	Sci – Chemistry Exam 1h45 or 1h10	English Language Paper 2 1h45	<u>No Exams</u> <u>Normal</u> <u>Lessons</u> <u>all day</u>
Break					
Pd 3 11:10-12:10	Normal Lessons	Normal Lessons	Normal Lessons	Normal Lessons	
Pd 4 – Lunch 12:10-12:40					
Session 2 13:00-15:20	Sci – Biology Exam 1h45 or 1h10	Maths Exam Paper 2 1h30	Maths Exam Paper 3 1h30	Sci – Physics Exam 1h45 or 1h10	

Assessments in the non-core subjects are continuing throughout the term when it is appropriate for each subject. Please note that JCQ have selected two contingency dates for the summer 2025 examination series: the afternoon of 11th June and all day on 25th June. Students need to be available on these days should an examination be rescheduled by the examination boards/JCQ for any reason, so please do not book holidays until after this date. The full examination timetable can be viewed on our website.

As we approach the summer examinations, we shall publish some FAQs to support students and parents/ carers with the finer details of the examination season. We shall also put together a detailed calendar of examinations, lessons, and study sessions.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards



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Head of Year 11