

The Gilbert School

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Dear Parents/Carers

We hope this letter finds you well, as we commence this new half term. It was pleasing to see many of you at our recent Year 11 Information Evening. The presentation from the evening, along with the Oxbridge presentation, can be found on the school website by clicking the following links:

[Y11 Presentation](#)

[Oxbridge Presentation](#)

Post-16 Forecast Grades

When your child is applying to their post-16 providers, they will be asked to provide their predicted grades. We asked teachers to re-evaluate their forecasts in light of the grade boundary changes in the summer exam series and your child's attitude to study when returning in September. The forecasts are the most likely grade your child will get if they continue working as they have been. Your child's post-16 forecasts are available to access using Go4Schools. You can do this by logging onto Login : [GO 4 Parents and Guardians \(go4schools.com\)](https://www.go4schools.com).

Practical Examinations and NEAs

Music Ensemble Performances	Week of 18 th November (A week)
H&SC NEA Presentations (11D)	Monday, 18 th November (A week)
H&SC NEA Presentations (11A)	Wednesday, 20 th November (A week)

Mock Practical Exams

Art	Wednesday, 27 th November (B week)
Textiles (11A)	Thursday, 28 th November (B week)
Textiles (11D)	Thursday, 5 th December (A week)
PE Practicals	Week of 2 nd December (A week)

Mock Written Examinations

Students are working towards their mock examinations which will take place towards the end of this term from **Monday 9th December until Thursday 19th December 2024**. The timetable for these is attached to this letter. Please note that where a child has extra time, they might finish a little after the end of the school day on occasion.

Examinations Assembly

Students will be updated on the JCQ regulations which we follow for the summer examinations series. To support students, examinations are carried out under these JCQ regulations. Following the assemblies, students and parents will be emailed an Examinations Booklet to support them/you through the examinations.

Revision Support

To support students with their examination preparation, a variety of revision sessions are taking place. These are outlined on the next page.

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	Lunchtime	After School (from 3.20pm)
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science Tassomai catch-up • Textiles drop-in 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health & Social Care NEA Catch-up/Improvement • Music Coursework catch-up by individual arrangement • GCSE PE Extra Time by prior arrangement only
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art drop-in • Science Tassomai catch-up • Textiles drop-in 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maths
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art drop-in • Food catch-up/revision • Science Tassomai catch-up • Textiles drop-in 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art drop-in • Computer Science • Science Tassomai catch-up • Textiles drop-in 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science Tassomai catch-up • Textiles drop-in 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GCSE Art Drop-in • Business Studies • Computer Science • Drama revision (starts after February half term) • French drop-in • Geography • German drop-in • Health & Social Care NEA Catch-up/Improvement • History • Music Coursework catch-up by individual arrangement • GCSE Music Revision Week A only

Revision sessions after school will last from 3.30pm until 4.15pm. Students are asked to be prompt to these sessions, to be prepared and to take an active role. They are expected to stay for the duration of the session.

To support and encourage students to attend revision sessions, they have been given a revision card to take to the sessions which their teachers will sign. Completed revision cards will then be put into the revision raffle, where prizes can be won. Do please encourage your child to attend and ask to see their revision cards.

Targeted Revision

As we move through the school year, some students may be invited to attend targeted revision. Parents/carers of those students will receive communication directly from the relevant core Curriculum Leader. Your support in encouraging your child to attend will be appreciated.

Subject Specific Revision

The [Year 11 Subject Guide and Information Booklet Autumn 2024](#) contains specific information to help you support your child. You will also find some general tips about revision techniques and revision timetables. In addition, the Year 11 Information Evening slides provide further information for English, Maths, and Science.

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Summer 2025 GCSE Written Examination Timetable

The link to the Summer 2025 Written GCSE Examination timetable is below. Please note that there are two JCQ contingency dates: 11th June (pm) and 25th June (all day). Students are required to be available on these days.
[Public Summer Exams Timetable 2025](#)

Summer Ball 2025

Finally, we are delighted to announce that we have secured the date of **Thursday 3rd July 2025** for the **Year 11 Summer Ball**. This will take place at Stoke-by-Nayland Golf Club and is always a memorable occasion for our students, their parents/carers, and the staff of the Gilbert School.

Should you have any subject specific queries, do please contact your child's subject teachers or the relevant head of curriculum. We shall continue to provide you with updates as we move through the academic year via email. Please, therefore, ensure that you update your email address should you change it.

Thank you, as always for your support.

Kind regards

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YEAR 11 MOCK EXAM TIMETABLE - December 2024

9th - 19th December inclusive

Day	Monday B 9/12	Tuesday B 10/12	Wednesday B 11/12	Thursday B 12/12	Friday B 13/12	Monday A 16/12	Tuesday A 17/12	Wednesday A 18/12	Thursday A 19/12
AM Exams 9am start	Maths Paper 1 Non Calc 1hr30	Normal Lesson	Eng Lang 1hr45	Chemistry TS - 1hr45 CS - 1hr10	Option C Except Art, Geography, History, Music & STEPs Bus. Stds – 1hr45 Drama – 1hr45 Food – 1hr45 PE – 1hr30	History All Option Blocks 1hr50	Eng Lit 1hr45	Maths Paper 3 Calc 1hr30	Physics TS - 1hr45 CS - 1hr10
Break Pd 3	Normal Lesson	Normal Lesson	Normal Lesson	Normal Lesson	Normal Lesson	Normal Lesson	Normal Lesson	Normal Lesson	Normal Lesson
Pd 4 Early Lunch	Early Lunch for Music students	Early Lunch for ALL	Early Lunch for ALL	Early Lunch for Geography, History, STEPs & Textiles	Early Lunch for Geography students	Early Lunch for Except for Geography, History, PACE & STEPs	Early Lunch for French students	Early Lunch for Except for Geography, History, Music, PE, STEPs, Textiles & Triple Science	Early Lunch for German students
PM Exams 12:50 start	Option A Except Geography, History, Music, STEPs, Textiles & Triple Science Bus. Stds – 1hr45 Food – 1hr45 DT – 1hr30 PE – 1hr30	Maths Paper 2 Calc 1hr30	Biology TS - 1hr45 CS - 1hr10	Option D Except Geography, History, STEPs & Textiles Comp Sci – 1hr30 Dance – 1hr30 DT – 1hr30 H&SC – 1hr15 PE – 1hr30 RS – 1hr45	Geography All Option Blocks 1hr30	Option B Except Geography, History, PACE & STEPs Bus. Stds – 1hr45 Comp Sci – 1hr30 Drama – 1hr45 French Writing - 1hr15 (F) - 1hr20 (H) German Writing - 1hr15 (F) - 1hr20 (H) H&SC – 1hr15 PE – 1hr30	French Reading/ Listening 45m/1hr 35m/45m	Music All Option Blocks 1hr30	German Reading/ Listening 45m/1hr 35m/45m