

31st January 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 Information

As we approach the halfway point of the academic year, we are writing to provide a further update around how we are supporting our Year 11 students through their final months at WMA.

Mocks and mock results

Firstly, we would like to thank you for your support during the Year 11 mock examinations at the end of last term. We were very impressed with the attitude and behaviour of the majority of our students displayed throughout this period and feel the experience has prepared them well for the summer examination series. There were a small minority of students who found it more difficult to meet the behaviour expectations in and around examinations. As you are aware, any failure to follow JCQ regulations could result in disqualification from that qualification. All the guidelines are available on our website and we thank you for your continued support with ensuring that your child(ren) is familiar with them: [Whitcliffe Mount, A SHARE Academy - Exams](#)

Students are starting to receive feedback, from their teachers, on their areas of strength and identifying where there is still work to be done in each subject. Staff are using the information collected from the mock exams to refine the curriculum plan for the remainder of the academic year. This will ensure there is sufficient opportunity for all students to close any gaps in their knowledge and understanding and achieve their personal best in their exams.

Our Year 11 students will receive their **mock examination results on 12th February 2025**. On this day, students will receive their mock grades and their most recent set of working at, predicted grades and attitude to learning grades. We will be happy to discuss this information, and other aspects of your child's progress, with you at the **Year 11 Parents Evening on 27th February**. We will be in touch in the weeks ahead to share booking information with you.

We are aware that a handful of colleges may set interview dates for before the 12th of February 2025. Should a student be required to share their predicted grades with a college at interview before that date then they can request that data, with evidence of their college interview, via email to joseph.loxam@sharemat.co.uk.

Preparation for final Year 11 examinations

The **summer exam series starts on Tuesday 6th May 2025** and this is just under **14 weeks** away. This provides plenty of time for students to develop their confidence and fill gaps to allow them to make further progress and improve on their mock grades. However, as I am sure you are aware, we would like to remind students that, should they not act upon the advice given and, instead, reduce their effort levels, their outcomes could be negatively affected.



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This is a time to commit to working hard at school and at home. We want everyone to succeed to their full potential and achieve their personal best and we encourage all our students to continue to approach their lessons with a positive attitude, regularly communicate with their subject teachers, revise at home and act on their teachers' advice. We are confident that the students who do this will be rewarded with some excellent results in the summer. We remain very proud of our current year 11's and their attitude towards their learning journey.

We are continuing our support outside of the classroom, to ensure all our students feel confident and well prepared for each GCSE exam they are sitting. We are continuing to offer Achieve sessions after school and the programme can be viewed on our website here: [Whitcliffe Mount, A SHARE Academy - Learning Beyond the Classroom](#)

We will be offering revision sessions during February half term for Art, Maths and Science as well as exploring the sessions we can offer during the Easter holidays. Moreover, we will be offering additional Achieve+ sessions within the six-week exam window. More on these opportunities will be communicated in due course.

As an academy, we are committed to encouraging all students to achieve their full potential and benefit from all the opportunities we offer. To support Year 11's further with this, we will soon be launching a new initiative "passport to the prom", details of which will be provided in a letter later this half term.

Attendance and Punctuality

Whilst attendance and punctuality are always important at school, at this vital time in your child(ren)'s academic journey it is essential that all students attend, remain in school and are punctual. At this point in Year 11 every moment counts.

We also need our students to be ready to learn in every lesson and this includes arriving with the correct equipment:

All students are expected to bring a school bag (A4+ folder size) containing the following daily:

School Planner	Pencil case
Scientific calculator – Sharp WriteView EL-W531TL	Black ball point pens
Exercise books in accordance with the timetable	Green ball points pens
Pencil	Ruler
Pencil Sharpener	Rubber
Highlighter	Glue Stick

We thank you for your ongoing support with ensuring your child(ren) attend every day, arriving on time with the correct equipment.

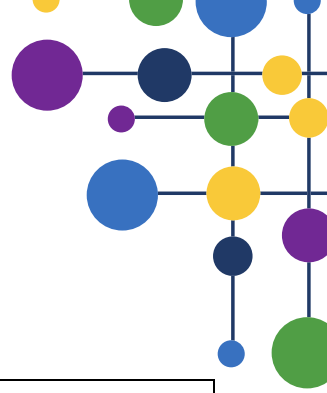
GCSE Results Day

GCSE results will be available for collection from Whitcliffe Mount on the morning of **21st August 2025** and we will communicate the arrangements for this nearer the time.

Further Support

Should you have any concerns from a pastoral perspective, please don't hesitate to contact the Year 11 Head of Year at Paris.Johnson@sharemat.co.uk

Should you have any concerns of an academic nature, please contact myself helen.jeffrey@sharemat.co.uk or christopher.elstub@sharemat.co.uk



Key dates

Date	Information Evening
Wednesday 12 th February 2025	Mock Results
Thursday 27 th February 2025	Parents evening (3.30 – 7.30pm)
Tuesday 6 th May 2025	GCSE Exam Window starts
Thursday 19 th June 2025	Final scheduled exam
Wednesday 25 th June 2025	Exam contingency day
Friday 20 th June 2025	Year 11 Prom (Information about venue/cost/eligibility to attend will follow)
Thursday 21 st August 2025	GCSE Results day

Thank you again for your continued support.
Yours faithfully

Mrs H Jeffrey
Deputy Headteacher (Quality of Education)