

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Below are some key updates regarding Year 11 students as we enter this important stage of their lives at Sheffield Springs.

Y11 Preparing for Success Event 2

On **Wednesday 11 February 2026** we will be holding a second ‘Year 11 Preparing for Success Event’ 4pm-5pm. Doors will open from 3:45pm, where refreshments will be served. All Year 11 parents and students are invited to this event, and this event will include a SLT drop-in for any parents for any Year 11 exam related questions, an opportunity to speak to subject specialists, and collect important revision material in preparation for your child’s mock 2 exams. Attendance for students and parents is strongly recommended.

Y11 Mock Exams

We would like to inform you that the Year 11 GCSE mock examinations will begin on Monday 2 March. These assessments are an important opportunity for students to experience exam conditions and identify areas for further revision ahead of the summer exams. A full timetable of the mock exams is enclosed with this letter so that you and your child can plan and prepare accordingly

Session 5

Our Session 5 programme runs after school each day 3:15pm-4:00pm to support all students to revise effectively. All Year 11 students are expected to attend as our research shows that on average students who attend it achieve better in their exams in comparison to those that do not attend. Session 5 events each week until the end of the summer GCSE examinations. These sessions have proven in the past to significantly improve the grades of those who attend, hence why we are expecting students to attend all their Session 5s as listed below.

Session 5 Timetable

Day	Subject
Monday	Maths
Tuesday	English
Wednesday	Science
Thursday	Geography, History, Food and French
Friday	Food and French

Half-term School

We are also running half-term school for Year 11s to support students in the run up to their GCSE mock exams. Sessions will run Tuesday to Thursday 10am-1pm. We strongly encourage students to attend as many sessions as possible as sessions will be covering important revision content in the lead to the examination period. A copy of the timetable is below:

Session	Details	Tue 17.02.26			Wed 18.02.26			Thurs 19.02.26		
		10-11	11-12	12-1	10-11	11-12	12-1	10-11	11-12	12-1
1	Subject	Food	Food	Food	English	English	English	English	English	English
2	Subject	English	English	English	Business	Business	Business	Maths	Maths	Maths
3	Subject	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	Textiles	Textiles	Textiles
4	Subject	French	French	French	History	History		French	French	
5	Subject	Science	Science	Science				History	History	

Saturday School

We run Saturday school most weeks in the lead up to mock exams. Like half-term school, attendance is strongly recommended. Students who attend these Saturday sessions do score higher marks and are significantly more likely to achieve their target grade or above than those who do not attend. Sessions run 10am-11am and 11am-12pm and we urge students to attend in a timely manner to ensure they do not miss out on key content or unwittingly disrupt sessions. Sessions will be updated on the school website, school Instagram page and information sent via the Arbor app.

Final Countdown Reward

We have launched an additional Year 11 reward scheme this week called The Final Countdown. This strategy designed to motivate and support students in the crucial final months before their GCSE exams. Throughout this period, students earn points for positive habits that directly contribute to their success—such as good attendance, attending revision sessions, completing homework, improving mock grades, and engaging fully in lessons. These points lead to weekly rewards, including gift cards and prizes for improvement, as well as a major end-of-scheme reward chosen by student voice. The aim is to encourage consistent effort, build strong routines, and maximise every student's chance of achieving their best in the summer examinations.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Saville



Vice Principal

March 2026 Mock Exams - Week 1

02/03/2026	Monday 02/03/2026	Tuesday 03/03/2026	Wednesday 04/03/2026	Thursday 05/03/2026	Friday 06/03/2026
Registration	Exam Booster LHA/HBR Main Hall Start Time: 08.30	Exam Booster MBI - B32 LTH - Main Hall Start Time: 08.30	Exam Booster AAW - Main Hall LBR - A2/SJO - A11 Start Time: 08.30	Exam Booster LHA/HBR Main Hall Start Time: 08.30	Exam Booster CHU - B32 EEV - Main Hall Start Time: 08.30
P1 09:05 - 10:20	English Language Length: 1 hour 45 minutes	Biology Length: 1 hour 15 minutes/ 1 hour 45 minutes	Mathematics Length: 1 hour 30 minutes	English Language Length: 1 hour 45 minutes	Chemistry Length: 1 hour 15 minutes/ 1 hour 45 minutes
P2 10:20 - 11:35	Exam Start: 09:00 SLT Lead: TBC	Exam Start: 09:00 SLT Lead: TBC	Exam Start: 09:00 SLT Lead: TBC	Exam Start: 09:00 SLT Lead: TBC	Exam Start: 09:00 SLT Lead: TBC
Break					
P3 11:55 - 12:10	Early Lunch: 12:30pm Exam Booster JGR - Main Hall LBE - Dance Studio Start Time: 13:00	Early Lunch: 12:30pm Exam Booster ALA - Main Hall Start Time: 13:00	Early Lunch: 12:30pm Exam Booster MKI - Main Hall Start Time: 13:00	Early Lunch: 12:45pm Exam Booster JGR - Main Hall Start Time: 13:00	Early Lunch: 12:30pm Exam Booster LST - Dance Studio Start Time: 13:00
Lunch					
P4 13:55 - 15:10	Geography Length: 1 hour 30 minutes History Length: 1 hour 20 minutes Exam Start: 13:20 SLT Lead: TBC	Health and Social Care Length: 1 hour 15 minutes Exam Start: 13:30 SLT Lead: TBC	Citizenship Studies Length: 1 hour 45 minutes Exam Start: 13:20 SLT Lead: TBC	History Length: 55 minutes Exam Start: 14:00 SLT Lead: TBC	French Listening Length: 35 minutes (F)/45 minutes(H) Reading Length: 45 minutes (F)/1 hour(H) Exam Start: 13:30 SLT Lead: TBC
Exam Finish	Normal time	2:45pm	Normal time	Normal time	3:00pm

March 2026 Mock Exams - Week 2

09/03/2026	Monday 09/03/2026	Tuesday 10/03/2026	Wednesday 11/03/2026	Thursday 12/03/2026	Friday 13/03/2026
Registration	Exam Booster AAW - Main Hall LBR -A2/SJO - A11 Start Time: 08.30	Exam Booster LHA/HBR Main Hall Start Time: 08.30	Exam Booster AAW - Main Hall LBR -A2/SJO - A11 Start Time: 08.30	Exam Booster ASA - B32 MBI - Main Hall Start Time: 08.30	Exam Booster LNO - Main Hall Start Time: 08.30
P1 09:05 - 10:20	Mathematics Length: 1 hour 30 minutes	English Literature Length: 1 hour 45 minutes	Mathematics Length: 1 hour 30 minutes	Physics Length: 1 hour 15 minutes/ 1 hour 45 minutes	Food and Nutrition Length: 1 hour 30 minutes
P2 10:20 - 11:35	Exam Start: 09:00 SLT Lead: TBC	Exam Start: 09:00 SLT Lead:TBC	Exam Start: 09:00 SLT Lead: TBC	Exam Start: 09:00 SLT Lead: TBC	Exam Start: 09:00 SLT Lead: TBC
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Lunch					
P4 13:55 - 15:10	Geography Length: 1 hour 30 mins History Length: 1 hour 30 minutes Exam Start: 13:20 SLT Lead: TBC	French Writing Length: 1 hour 10 minutes(F)/ 1 hour 20 minutes(H) Exam Start: 13:30 SLT Lead: TBC	Citizenship Studies Length: 1 hour 45 minutes Exam Start: 13.20 SLT Lead: TBC	Business Length: 1 hour 45 minutes Exam Start: 13.20 SLT Lead: TBC	Extended Mathematics Length: 1 hour 15 minutes Exam Start: 13:20 SLT Lead: TBC
	Normal time	3:00pm	Normal time	Normal time	2:45pm

March 2026 Mock Exams - Week 3

16/03/2026	Monday 16/03/2026	Tuesday 17/03/2026	Wednesday 18/03/2026	Thursday 19/03/2026	Friday 20/03/2026	
Registration						
P1 09:05 - 10:20	French Speaking	French Speaking	Art Practical	Textiles	Textiles	French Speaking
P2 10:20 - 11:35						
Break						
P3 11:55 - 12:10	French Speaking	French Speaking	Art Practical	Textiles	Textiles	French Speaking
Lunch						
P4 13:55 - 15:10	French Speaking	French Speaking	Art Practical	Textiles	Textiles	French Speaking