

Dear Year 11 parents and carers,

We hope this letter finds you well and excited for the academic challenges and opportunities ahead. As we approach the critical phase of preparation for the GCSE exams, we are committed to providing every student with the best possible support to achieve their full potential.

To this end, we are delighted to announce the start of Walking Talking Mock (WTM) sessions after school for English, Maths, and Science. These sessions are designed to give students a comprehensive understanding of the exam process, boost their confidence, and significantly enhance their performance.

What are Walking Talking Mocks (WTM)?

Walking Talking Mocks are guided exam practice sessions where teachers walk students through the structure and content of mock exams. During these sessions, teachers provide real-time tips, strategies, and feedback on how to approach different types of questions, manage time effectively, and avoid common pitfalls.

Benefits of Attending WTM Sessions:

1. **Enhanced Understanding:** Students will gain a deeper understanding of the exam format and the types of questions they can expect. This familiarity reduces anxiety and helps students feel more prepared.
2. **Strategic Approach:** Teachers will share valuable strategies for tackling various question types, helping students to work smarter and more efficiently.
3. **Immediate Feedback:** Real-time feedback allows students to identify and address their weaknesses promptly, leading to improved performance.
4. **Boosted Confidence:** Regular practice under exam conditions builds confidence, ensuring that students are not overwhelmed on the actual exam day.
5. **Increased Progress:** Evidence shows that students who participate in additional structured revision sessions make significantly more progress compared to those who do not.

Schedule and Commitment:

The WTM sessions will be held after school on the following days - full dates at the end of this letter:

- **English:** Wednesdays, 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM (Apart from first one moved because of open evening)
- **Maths:** Thursdays, 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM
- **Science:** Mondays, 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM

We understand that this is a busy time for everyone, but we strongly encourage all Year 11 students to attend these sessions regularly. The time invested now will pay immense dividends in the form of better exam results and a brighter academic future. The full timetable for these sessions is at the end of this letter.

How to Participate:

Students should arrive promptly to the canteen for the start of the session. We recommend bringing along any questions or topics they find challenging, as this will maximise the benefit of the sessions.

We are committed to supporting our students every step of the way, and we believe that these Walking Talking Mock sessions are a crucial part of that support. We look forward to seeing all our Year 11 students take full advantage of this opportunity.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to your child's education. Together, we can achieve excellence.

Kind regards,

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Lesley Hook, Year Team Leader

YEAR 11 WALKING TALKING MOCK SCHEDULE 2024-25

MATHS	THURSDAY	12 SEPTEMBER
SCIENCE	MONDAY	16 SEPTEMBER
ENGLISH	THURSDAY	26 SEPTEMBER
MATHS	THURSDAY	3 OCTOBER
SCIENCE	MONDAY	7 OCTOBER
ENGLISH	WEDNESDAY	16 OCTOBER
SCIENCE	MONDAY	4 NOVEMBER
MATHS	THURSDAY	28 NOVEMBER
ENGLISH	WEDNESDAY	4 DECEMBER
SCIENCE	MONDAY	9 DECEMBER
MATHS	THURSDAY	19 DECEMBER
ENGLISH	WEDNESDAY	8 JANUARY
MATHS	THURSDAY	16 JANUARY
SCIENCE	MONDAY	20 JANUARY
ENGLISH	WEDNESDAY	29 JANUARY
MATHS	THURSDAY	27 FEBRUARY
ENGLISH	WEDNESDAY	5 MARCH
SCIENCE	MONDAY	10 MARCH
MATHS	THURSDAY	20 MARCH
ENGLISH	WEDNESDAY	26 MARCH
SCIENCE	MONDAY	31 MARCH
MATHS	THURSDAY	25 APRIL
SCIENCE	MONDAY	28 APRIL
ENGLISH	WEDNESDAY	7 MAY