



St Katherine's School



9 February 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

At the end of another busy term at St Katherine's for Year 11, I would like to take this opportunity to share some key pieces of information with you as we begin the countdown to the final examinations. Year 11 students have shown considerable determination and tenacity since January and it is fantastic to see so many of our young people working with staff both at lunchtime and after school to improve their grades. This dedication to their studies will be rewarded in August.

### Second mock exams

In order to best prepare students for the English, maths, science and computing GCSE examinations we are holding a second mock in Term 4. Your child is being fully prepared for these mocks by their class teacher. If you have any questions about these exams please contact your child's teacher.

Date	Exam	Duration
Monday 26 February	English Literature 1	2hrs
Tuesday 27 February	Maths Paper 1 (non-calculator)	90min
Wednesday 28 February	English Literature 2	2hrs 30min
Thursday 1 March	Physics	Max 1hr 45m
Friday 2 March	Computing	90min
Friday 2 March	Maths Paper 2 (calculator)	90min
Monday 5 March	Chemistry	Max 1hr 45m
Tuesday 6 March	Maths Paper 3 (calculator)	90min
Tuesday 6 March	Computing Paper 2	90min
Wednesday 7 March	Biology	Max 1hr 45m

### Triple/Double Science Information

The results of the mock science examinations will also be used to decide which tier students will be entered for in their GCSE science examinations. For students to be entered for the higher tier paper, they must achieve a secure grade 5 in these mock examinations. The following chapters will be tested in the mock examinations:

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<b>Combined science</b>	<b>Triple science</b>
<b>Biology chapters 10 &amp; 11</b> <b>Chemistry chapters 8-14</b> <b>Physics chapters 8-12</b>	<b>Biology chapters 10-16</b> <b>Chemistry chapters 8-14</b> <b>Physics chapters 8-13</b>

### **Revision for final examinations:**

Through the "Year 11 Learning Classroom" I have shared with your child a Google Calendar, giving each student a breakdown of all revision and coursework sessions that are planned for the next two terms. It will show the dates of the summer GCSE examinations (once these have been shared with us by the examination boards). There will also be a copy of this put up in each tutor room.

### **Rewards Programme:**

At the start of Term 4, all students will be issued with a "**Prom Passport**" to promote and reward positive attendance, behaviour and attendance at revision sessions. This scheme will be monitored by tutors. A link outlining the [Prom Passport Criteria](#) will be shared with you through the Year 11 page on our website.

- **Gold Achievement Slips**

A part of the Prom Passport, teachers will record the achievements of Year 11 students by awarding 'Gold Achievement Slips'. There are eight categories for the 'Gold Achievement Slips' being awarded, including, high quality classwork, sustained and consistent effort, excellent achievement and attendance, punctuality, acting as a good citizen, high standard of homework, attendance at revision sessions. A weekly prize draw (£10 Amazon Voucher) will be made in Year 11 assembly where any student with at least 1 slip has the chance of winning the voucher. At the end of Term 5 the boy and girl with the most slips will receive their ticket to the Prom free of charge.

### **Year 11 Leavers Day and Prom - Tuesday 26 June**

A special programme has been arranged for the Year 11 Leavers Day (8.40am-1.30pm) Students should wear non-uniform and optional fancy dress! The day will feature a special assembly, entertainment and a BBQ.

The venue for this year's Prom (7-11pm) will be the beautiful Leigh Court in Abbots Leigh. This is a fantastic opportunity for our students to celebrate the official end to Year 11 in style. Smart dress must be worn. Seeing students in suits and ball gowns is a really fitting and formal way to celebrate this milestone. Students will be expected to make their own appropriate travel arrangements to and from the venue.

Tickets for the Prom are £38.50, this includes venue hire, buffet and a disco for the evening. A private bar will be open throughout the evening selling non-alcoholic drinks.

### **Payment details**

Prom tickets (£38.50) will be available via ParentPay from Friday 10 February. You can pay for the Prom in two instalments:

Instalment 1	- £18.50	by Monday 5 March 2018
Final balance	- £20	by Friday 4 May

The final deadline for all payments is 12.00 noon, **Friday 4 May 2018**.

**Leavers' Hoodies and Yearbook**

Leavers Hoodies and Yearbooks have been increasingly popular over the years, so we are giving students an opportunity to buy these items to remind them of their time at St Katherine's School. Choice of colour and design of the hoodie and final costings for these items will be announced in March 2018 and will be available to purchase on ParentPay.

***Before final payments for the Prom can be accepted, it is essential that you first clear any outstanding debts, including, library fines, transport fees, dinner money debts, and any other outstanding amounts on Parent Pay.*** Please email [finance@skdrive.org](mailto:finance@skdrive.org) if you have any questions about payment.

Should you have any questions about any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact me on 01275 373737 or email [priceh@skdrive.org](mailto:priceh@skdrive.org)

I wish students a safe and restful break and look forward to welcoming them back to school on Monday 19 February.

Yours sincerely

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**Hannah Price**  
**Head of Year 11**

Year 11 February Mock Exams Timetable 2018

Period	Mon 26 Feb (WK2)	Tues 27 Feb (WK2)	Weds 28 Feb (WK2)	Thurs 1 Mar (WK2)	Fri 2 Mar (WK2)	Mon 5 Mar (WK1)	Tues 6 Mar (WK1)	Wed 7 Mar (WK1)	Thurs 8 Mar (WK1)	Fri 9 Mar (WK1)
1			English Literature Paper 2 Sports Hall 150 Minutes	Physics Sports Hall Max 1hr 45m	Computing Paper 1 90 Minutes Common Room		Maths Paper 3 Calculator Sports Hall 90 minutes	Biology Sports Hall Max 1hr 45		
	2									
Break										
3		Maths Paper 1 Non-Calculator Sports Hall 90 minutes			Maths Paper 2 Calculator Sports Hall 90 minutes		Computing Paper 2 90 Minutes Common Room			
	4		English Literature Paper 1 Sports Hall 120 Minutes			Chemistry Sports Hall Max 1hr 45m				
Lunch										
5										

All times provided are the standard length of the paper and do not include extra time.  
 The room shown is the room with the largest number of students for the exam, smaller rooms will also be in use  
 Exam times for combined science and triple science differ so the longest standard exam time is given.