



21 October 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Autumn Update from the Head of Year 11

We would like to congratulate Year 11 students on their positive start to the autumn term. The first assessment fortnight has been a valuable opportunity for Year 11 students to consolidate their learning and for staff to provide feedback on their progress and highlight areas for further development. Parents will receive these academic reports on Friday 4 November 2022.

We want to ensure that we are continuing to offer lots of support to our Year 11 students over the course of this year and in the lead up to their final GCSE exams in the summer. We value your feedback and have created a short parent survey to gain further insight into areas that you feel you and your daughter would like more information, guidance and support with. The survey will only take 2 minutes to complete and the deadline for all submissions is Monday 31 October 2022:

<https://forms.office.com/r/RBgVrqjdk9>

Assessment Overview

Below is a provisional outline of our internal assessment dates for Year 11. There will be more detailed information to follow in due course.

	Date	Details
Assessment fortnight 1	26 September 2022 - 7 October 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These assessments have taken place in normal lesson time
Assessment fortnight 2 (Mock examinations)	5 December 2022 - 15 December 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mock exams will take place in formal venues The normal timetable of lessons will be suspended for these exams and students will be on study leave For certain subjects, such as Health and Social care and ICT, there may be compulsory interventions that students need to attend Students will only need to attend school for their exams Students will receive an individual exam timetable nearer the time
Student mock results afternoon	20 January 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will collect their examination results at the end of lesson 5 on Friday 20 January 2022
	20 March 2023 -	

Assessment fortnight 3 (CORE only) and Practical Week	30 March 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will complete assessments in English, Maths and Science only • Students will complete practical components for their subjects
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Tutor Tuesday

Every Tuesday the Year 11 tutor team work with students on a 1:1 basis during tutorial. In this time, students are able to have meaningful discussions with their Form Tutor to identify areas for support, complete target setting activities and share any concerns or difficulties they are experiencing.

Enrichment, Independent Study and Intervention

Year 11 have a wide variety of enrichment opportunities available to them. We have dedicated independent study time each week as part of the tutorial programme, and after half term we will be running subject specific targeted interventions in the lead up to the mock exams.

Please visit our website to view our current enrichment and subject support opportunities for the autumn term: <https://www.tolworthgirlsschool.co.uk/current-students/curriculum/enrichment/>

Workday Wednesdays

This is a voluntary independent study session, supervised by the Head of Year and subject teachers. The aim of this is to give students a quiet, purposeful environment to complete independent study. It has proven popular with students and we have had a large turn out each week. This will continue to run every Wednesday after school from 3.10pm to 4.10pm in the library, in the lead up to their mock exams.

GCSE POD

All Year 11 students have access to GCSE pod which is an excellent online revision resource. The resource is subject specific and linked to the exam specification for each subject. It contains short, informative summary 'pods' and opportunities to test their knowledge with immediate feedback on their performance.

We hope that the half term break provides some rest and relaxation time for your daughter so she can return refreshed and ready for another busy and successful half term. We look forward to receiving your feedback. If you have any other queries please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully



Mrs J Saseen
Head of Year 11

