



Tolworth Girls' School & Sixth Form

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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 and provide a reminder of the assessment dates for this year along with the support on offer to our students. The first assessment fortnight is taking place from Monday 2 October 2023 until Friday 13 October 2023 and will be a valuable opportunity for Year 11 students to consolidate their learning, for staff to provide feedback on their progress and to highlight areas for further development. Students have been informed of when their class assessments are and which topics they should be revising via the AF1 information channel on Microsoft Teams.

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	2 October 2023 - 13 October 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These assessments will take place during normal lesson time
Assessment fortnight 2 (Mock examinations)	11 December 2023 - 21 December 2023	<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 & 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
Assessment fortnight 3 (CORE only) and Practical Week	18 March 2024 - 27 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will complete assessments in English, Maths and Science only Students will complete practical components for their subjects

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.

Monday 1:1 Support

On Mondays the Year 11 Form Tutors work with students on a 1:1 basis during tutorial. During 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 revision/independent study time each week as part of the tutorial programme.

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

In addition to this there will be targeted subject intervention sessions running later in the year to further support students. More detailed information will be shared with you regarding this closer to the time.

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 during mock exams in Year 10 and we had a large turn out each week. This will continue to run every Wednesday after school from 3.10pm-4.00pm in the library, starting from Wednesday 27 September 2023.

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. Students may access this through www.gcsepod.com and may log in using their school login details.

Sixth Form Open Evening - Monday 16 October 2023

We warmly invite you to attend our Sixth Form open evening on Monday 16 October, from 6.00pm-8.00pm. No booking is required and all information regarding courses and applications can be found at www.tolworthgirlsschool.co.uk.

Year 11 Parents' Evening - Tuesday 30 January 2024

Year 11 parents' evening will take place on Tuesday 30 January 2024 and will provide an opportunity for you to discuss your daughter's academic progress with her subject teachers. A further letter will be issued closer to the time detailing the appointments process. If you have any questions or concerns which need addressing prior to this date, please contact the school using the email address below and specify which member of staff and department you would like to contact. contacttheschool@tolworthgirlsschool.co.uk.

We hope that the start of the autumn term has been positive for your daughter and that she is feeling prepared and motivated for the busy year ahead. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully



Miss E Munt
Head of Year 11

