

## October 2023 Re: Year 11 priorities and GCSE's

Dear parent/guardian,



As your child is now in Year 11, I am writing to you to let you know about some of the key dates and support we offer. The GCSE's begin in 26 academic school weeks and it is vital that students maximise their learning in this time.

After half term, Year 11 students will sit their first Year 11 PPE's (Pre-public examinations). These will run from **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October until Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November**. We will use the results from these exams to predict GCSE's grades as well as making intervention plans. Colleges will request these grades on application, therefore it is imperative that students try their best.

The timetable of these exams can be found at the bottom of this letter and on our website: [Y11 Mock Examinations- \(oasisacademymediacityuk.org\)](http://oasisacademymediacityuk.org)

We ask now for your support over the next few months. For some students, Year 11 and the GCSE's can be a stressful time. We do everything we can in school and we know you will at home too.

### How to support your child at home:

1. Support your son/daughter to attend school. Students with over 92% attendance perform much better than other students. We see this nationally and within our own academy.  
Last year, only 20% of students with below 90% attendance secured 4+'sin both English and Maths
2. Please ensure appointments are made outside of school time where at all possible
3. Our teachers, go above and beyond, offering afterschool revision/intervention sessions after school. Our staff do not get paid for this, but offer their time to help out Year 11's. Please can you support and encourage your child(ren) to attend as many of these sessions as possible. Some students have been specifically invited to attend certain subjects – a separate letter has been sent to those parents/carers. Their attendance to these sessions is monitored and rewarded according to our rewards policy. All sessions run from **2.50pm – 3.50pm**

### Year 11 afterschool intervention timetable

Day	Subject	Time	Staff
Monday	RE	2.50-3.50	LBE, SFO
	History	2.50-3.50	CAS/EMA
	Photography	2.50-3.50	EWI
	Geography	2.55-3.40	LHO, PBA, AGR
	Product Design	2.50-3.50	MKE
Tuesday	Music	2.50-3.50	ATZ
	Art	2.50-3.50	JMC
	Hospitality & Catering	2.50-3.50	SHO
	Photography	2.50-3.50	EWI
	Spanish	2.50-3.50	GST/LWI/ICH/RT U
	Science	2.50-3.50	JGO/ JLI
Wednesday	Sport	2.50-3.50	VBE, JGR,GFI
	Art	2.50-3.50	JMC
	Hospitality & Catering	2.50-3.50	SHO
	English	3-3.50	SRY, CHI, TCH, FWO, APA
Friday	Art	2.50-3.50	KMM/JMC
	Photography	2.50-3.50	EWI
		2.50-3.50	

4. Homework. All of our teachers set regular homework. The purpose of homework is to build upon classroom learning and embed key knowledge through recall. It gives pupils the opportunity to research topics further and



in more depth, and it teaches them to work towards and meet deadlines. Homework is set using a variety of platforms which can be accessed on line via the iPad or on paper handouts.

Subject	How is homework set?
Maths	SPARX
English	TEAMS/Forms quiz
Science	EDUCAKE
History	TEAMS/Forms quiz
Geography	TEAMS/Forms quiz
RS	TEAMS
Spanish	Paper handout
French	Paper handout
Art	Paper handout/sketchbooks
Photography	Sketchbooks/Take photographs
Food	TEAMS/Forms quiz
H&SC	H&SC TEAMS/Booklets
Sport	TEAMS/Forms quiz
Product Design	TEAMS/Forms/KS4 sketchbooks
Media Studies	TEAMS/Forms
Sociology	TEAMS

- As an academy we have paid for all students to have access to online revision guides. Students can sign up using their school email address and password. A how to can be found at: [Getting Started: Pearson Revise eBook Revision Subscription - YouTube](#)
- Understand there will be times when they may be stressed. Year 11 can be a stressful time, so it is important our students have a routine which enables them to build in revision time as well as rest time and good sleeping habits. If you feel your child(ren) are struggling, please do let us know. Our Year 11 pastoral leaders are the first contact in school and can be reached on:  
 Maria Hall: ([maria.hall@oasismediacityuk.org](mailto:maria.hall@oasismediacityuk.org) )  
 Brooke Waldron: ([Brooke.waldron@oasismediacityuk.org](mailto:Brooke.waldron@oasismediacityuk.org))
- 'Nag them' little and often – the best results are achieved by working consistently across the year rather than cramming all of their revision in to May/ June – they need to start now!

Thank you to you all for supporting us, as an academy, and your child (ren) so well this year and should you have any queries regarding this report, or would like any additional advice on how to support your child, please do not hesitate to contact the me for further guidance.

Many thanks,

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Year 11 November PPE timetable 2023



\*Please note: some of the exams may change times/date, however, the papers being sat will not change

	Period	Subject	Classes	Length	Location	Quiet Room Training Room
1st October Tuesday 2023	1	History P1 Thematic Study & historic environment C&P	11/Hi	1hr 15mins	Sports Hall & Dance	
	2					
	3	English Language Paper 1	All	1hr 45mins	Sports Hall & Dance	
	4					
	5					
1st November Wednesday 2023	1	Combined & Triple Science Biology Paper 1	All	C 1hr 15 mins - T 1hr 45m	Sports Hall & Dance	
	2					
	3	Geography P2 Challenges in the Human Environment Section A & B	11/Gg	1hr	Sports Hall & Dance	
	4					
	5					
2nd November Thursday 2023	1	English Literature Paper 2 - An Inspector Calls, Power and Conflict Poetry	All	1hr 45mins	Sports Hall & Dance	
	2					
	3	Spanish Reading and Listening	11/Sp	Foundation- 1hr 30min Higher- 1hr 45mins	Sports Hall & Dance	
	4					
	5					
3rd November Friday 2023	1	Combined Science & Triple Chemistry Paper 1	All	C 1hr 15 mins - T 1hr 45m	Sports Hall & Dance	
	2					
	3	RE Islam & Christianity	11/Rs	1hr 45mins	Sports Hall & Dance	
	4					
	5					
	Period	Subject	Classes	Length	Location	Notes
6th November Monday 2023	1	Combined Science & Triple Physics Paper 1	All	C 1hr 15 mins - T 1hr 45m	Sports Hall & Dance	
	2					
	3	Geography P3 Section B Fieldwork	11/Gg	45mins	Sports Hall & Dance	
	4					
	5					



Tuesday 7th November 2023	1	Maths Paper 1 Non Calc	All	1hr 30mins	Sports Hall & Dance	
	2					
	3	History P2 British depth Study Option B1 Anglo-Saxon & Norman England & Superpower relations	11/Hi	1hr 50mins	Sports Hall & Dance	
	4					
	5	RE Themes Paper	11/Rs	55mins	Sports Hall & Dance	
Wednesday 8th November 2023	1	Maths Paper 2 Calc	All	1hr 30mins	Sports Hall & Dance	
	2					
	3	Spanish Writing	11/Sp	Foundation - 1hr Higher 1hr 20mins	Sports Hall & Dance	
	4					
	5					
Thursday 9th November 2023	1	Computing P1 Computer Systems	11/Cp	1hr 30minures	Sports Hall & Dance	
	2					
	3	Media Studies Component 1	11/Me	1hr 30min	Sports Hall & Dance	
	4					
	5					
Friday 10th November 2023	1	Product Design	11/Pd	1hr 30mins	Sports Hall & Dance	
	2					
	3	Food	11/Fo	2hrs	Food Room	
	4					
	5					
Monday 13th November 2023	08:40- 09:40am	Art	11/Ar	2hr	Art Classrooms	
	09:40- 10:40am					
	11:00am- 12:00pm	Photography	11/Ph	2hr	Art Classrooms	
	12:00- 13:00pm					
	13:30- 14:30pm					
	14:30- 15:30pm					