

YEAR 10-11 GCSE DRIVE HOME TO SUCCESS

Issue 3: The Mock Countdown

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(Year 11)

1. Students embed consistent revision routines as teachers start targeting key content.
2. The focus is on rebuilding routines, revisiting key skills, and identifying students in need of additional support early in the year
3. Issue 2 - Drive Home Newsletter

A Word from Mrs. Daniels:

Year 11, you've worked tirelessly this term. Tutor-time intervention, MyTutor sessions and targeted revision have built momentum. Now it's time for your November Mock Examinations: the moment to apply all that hard work and identify final gaps before the real thing.

Mocks are not there to catch you out; they are there to bring out the best in you. Walk into each exam with confidence, calm, and the knowledge that you've done everything you could.

Half-Term Focus: Rest + Readiness

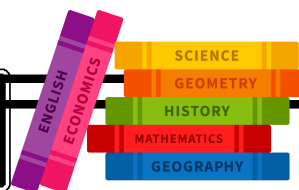
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Use your two-week break to find the right balance between recovery and purposeful study. A strong half term isn't about working endlessly – it's about working smart and maintaining your wellbeing.

Recommended Routine for Success:

- Study for 2–3 hours per day, 5 days a week – ideally in three focused 45-minute blocks.
- Take two full rest days to recharge mentally and physically.
- Work in the morning or early afternoon, when your focus and energy levels are highest.
- Prioritise core subjects (English, Maths, Science) and the topics you personally need to strengthen first.
- Mix your revision methods – combine flashcards, practice papers, and timed questions to maximise impact.

Smart Study Tips by Subject



1. English: Focus on key quotations, themes and structure questions under timed conditions. Plan essays for An Inspector Calls and poetry comparisons, using model responses and flashcards for quick recall.
2. Maths: Complete daily "5-a-day" tasks from Corbett Maths. Review and correct errors after each paper, targeting weaker topics using the wymondhamcollegemaths.co.uk lists and revisiting them a few days later.
3. Science: Use flashcards and diagrams to recall equations and key processes. Practise retrieval over rereading and apply knowledge to unfamiliar questions linked to your practicals.
4. Geography / History: Create dual timelines and annotated case study sheets from your core knowledge booklets. Summarise key processes, causes and consequences, and rehearse short answers under timed conditions.
5. Languages (French / Spanish): Spend 15 minutes a day on vocabulary recall using Seneca or Memrise. Mix listening, reading, writing and speaking tasks, and practise short translations regularly.
6. Option Subjects: Work through checklists on Teams or in your revision booklets. Refine written or practical coursework and rehearse explaining your ideas, annotations or technical terms clearly.



Example revision timetable for the two week break

Please Note:

The mock exam timetable shown below is an example and guide only. Final arrangements may vary slightly depending on individual option choices and exam tiers.

Students and parents are encouraged to use this as a framework to plan personal revision timetables over the half-term break. Every student's subject mix, strengths, and priorities are different; use this model to create a realistic schedule that balances study, rest, and wellbeing.

Week 1 -Day	Morning (9 am)	Afternoon (1:15 pm)
Mon	English Language Paper 1 Reading & Writing Fiction Texts – language techniques, structure, creative writing	Geography Paper 1 / History Paper 1 Geog: Natural Hazards, Living World, UK Landscapes Hist: Germany 1890–1945
Tue	Maths Paper 1 (Non-Calculator) Number, Algebra, Geometry, Statistics, Ratio & Proportion	French / Spanish Listening & Reading Vocabulary & Grammar – all themes: family, education, travel, wellbeing, environment
Wed	Biology Paper 1 (Combined/Triple) Cell Biology, Organisation, Infection & Response, Bioenergetics	Religious Education (Eduqas) Issues of Relationships & Issues of Life and Death
Thu	English Literature Paper 2 An Inspector Calls, Power & Conflict Poetry, Unseen Poetry	Option Subject 1 (examples below) Business: Real World, HR, Operations, Marketing (to Market Research), Finance (to Sources of Finance) Computer Science: Systems Architecture, Networks, Security, Software, Impacts DT: Materials, Properties, Forces, Drawing, Timbers Specialism
Fri	Chemistry Paper 1 (Combined/Triple) Atomic Structure, Bonding, Quantitative, Chemical & Energy Changes	Maths Paper 2 (Calculator) Algebra, Graphs, Geometry, Statistics, Problem Solving

Week 2 -Day	Morning (9 am)	Afternoon (1:15 pm)
Mon	Physics Paper 1 (Combined/Triple) Energy, Electricity, Particle Model, Atomic Structure	Option Subject 2 (examples below) Food Prep & Nutrition: Nutrients, Food Science, Food Safety, Labelling, Healthy Eating PE: Anatomy, Physiology, Physical Training Drama: Noughts & Crosses, Live Theatre Response
Tue	Maths Paper 3 (Calculator) Mixed Paper covering all topics	Option Subject 3 (examples below) Art/Textiles/Photography: Sketchbook refinement, experimentation, final outcome preparation Sociology: Family & Education topics Music: 8 set works and unfamiliar listening
Wed	Geography Paper 2 / History Paper 2 Geog: Pre-release Issue Evaluation, Fieldwork (Cromer & Riverside) Hist: Elizabethan England 1568–1603	French / Spanish Writing Translation tasks, extended writing, grammar application
Thu	English Literature Paper 1 Shakespeare & 19th Century Novel	Science Skills Catch-up / Targeted Revision
Fri	Independent revision morning (quiet study)	House Celebration & Wellbeing Afternoon