

The Year 10 Team



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Key Dates - Year 11

Wednesday 2 September 2026	Year 10 Mock Results Day
Thursday 17 September 2026	Year 11 Progress Event
Monday 21 September 2026	Year 11 Boost Your Grades begins
Monday 16 November - Friday 4 December 2026	Year 11 Mock Exams
Thursday 14 January 2027	Year 11 Progress Event
Monday 22 February - Friday 12 March 2027	Year 11 Mock Exams
Thursday 18 March 2027	Year 11 Exam Preparation Evening
Thursday 22 April 2027	Year 11 Progress Event (invite only)
Tuesday 4 May 2027	External Exams Begin (provisional)



Boost Your Grade Sessions

In Year 11 all students are expected to attend the mandatory BYG sessions, 3:00 - 4:00pm. In September students and families will receive a timetable highlighting which subjects are being delivered on which day.

Some of the sessions will be targeted at specific students who have been identified as needing support in a particular subject following the Year 10 mock exams. Other sessions will be open for students to choose where to attend. The sessions will run in blocks and targeted cohorts will be reviewed regularly. These are a vital tool for Year 11 students when working outside of lessons.

The extra support, guidance and teacher input has really helped our previous Year cohort to boost their confidence and achievement as Year 11 progresses. **The key is to start early and stick with it!**



Year 10 Results Day

When we return to school in September, we will hold a dedicated results day for our incoming Year 11 cohort. Students will open their mock results together in the hall, mirroring the experience they will have on GCSE results day in August 2027.

Following this, a range of tailored support sessions will be provided to meet students' individual needs. From experience, we know that some students benefit from developing effective revision strategies, others from rebuilding motivation or accessing wellbeing support, while many also deserve recognition for the effort and commitment they have already shown.

Our current students have found this approach both supportive and motivating, providing a strong and purposeful start to Year 11.



How Can Families Support After Mock Exams



As students start to get their scores from their mock papers, families play an important role in helping students reflect on and build on their progress. Students will get results in September.

One helpful approach is to sit together and create a simple table for each subject, with headings such as “What went well” and “Even better if...”. **This encourages students to recognise their strengths as well as identify clear areas for improvement.**

Students will be starting to review their mock scores in school and working with teachers to set targets, so families can reinforce this by revisiting those targets at home and supporting small, manageable next steps over the summer.

Keeping this reflection visible can help students stay motivated, so they return in September feeling confident, focused and ready to continue progressing.

Wellbeing Matters

It is normal for students to feel some nervousness around exams:

- Reassure them that this is a natural response.
- Encourage them to talk openly about any worries.
- Ensure they get enough sleep, eat well, and take time to relax will help them to stay focused and resilient.
- We encourage students to use the NHS 5 Ways to Wellbeing to choose activities that help them relax and recharge.



Additional Support

If you have noticed that your child has been overly worried about the exams (a level of stress is normal and useful!) - please email Miss Feerick: hf@waleshigh.com or speak with the pastoral team so that we can add your child into our exam worries sessions that will take place in the new academic year.

If you have concerns around exam access arrangements then please get in touch with the Head of Year Team.