



HIGHFIELDS SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

The coming weeks are going to be crucial in your child's preparations for the summer examinations and we want to ensure you are fully informed about their current progress. With this in mind, I am pleased to share with you your child's first Progress Review in Year 11. We hope this provides you with an overview of how hard your child is working in each of their subjects and how much progress they are making.

It should also be a good basis for your own conversations with your child about school life, work and intended Post-16 routes. The Progress Review can be used in many ways to monitor, encourage, support and guide your child. We hope it will help you to:

- Identify where your child is working hard and applying themselves well.
- Identify where they are in relation to targets across their subjects. (Could I remind you that all students are set challenging and aspirational targets that would invariably put them in the top 5% of all students nationally).
- Identify subject areas in which your child is making less progress and should be seeking advice and attending extra teaching/revision sessions.
- Start conversations about effort, progress and revision timetables.

To view your child's Progress Review, you will need to log into MCAS, click on the dashboard and then view the amber tile named 'Progress Reviews'. If you are having difficulty logging into MCAS, please contact digitalsupport@hswv.co.uk who can assist with any queries relating to MCAS/Bromcom.

School Examinations

Earlier in the term, we informed you that your child would be sitting their school examinations very soon. I am pleased to now share with you the schedule of school examinations below.

Subject	Date	Duration
Mathematics: Non-Calculator	Wednesday 13 th December 2023	1hr 30mins
Mathematics: Calculator	Thursday 14 th December 2023	1hr 30mins
English Language: Paper 2	Friday 15 th December 2023	2hrs
Biology	Monday 18 th December 2023	Separate Sciences - 1hr 45mins Combined Sciences - 1hr 10mins
Chemistry	Tuesday 19 th December 2023	
Physics	Wednesday 20 th December 2023	
Option A	Wednesday 10 th January 2024	Up to 2hrs
Option B	Thursday 11 th January 2024	Up to 2hrs
Option C	Friday 12 th January 2024	Up to 2hrs



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We appreciate how hard students prepare for their school examinations and want to give them the best opportunity to showcase their excellent start to Year 11. With this in mind, we have spaced the examinations over a period of three weeks, scheduling the Options exams after the Christmas break. Students have also been issued with Personalised Learning Checklists (PLCs) which are available to view on SharePoint, allowing them to focus their revision on those topics likely to be assessed in the next few weeks. Students have a direct link to the location of their PLCs along with subject specific revision resources organised by our Heads of Department. They can find these by clicking on the '4Rs' icon found on the desktop of their laptops.

Staying in Learning Day

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that a 'Staying in Learning Day' will take place on Wednesday 29th November 2023. Students will need to arrive in school promptly at 8:45am wearing school uniform or smart business wear and will remain in school until the slightly later time of 3pm. For more information about this day, please refer to the letter we sent to you last month which can be found [here](#).

Condover Hall Study Residential

Finally, I also wanted to mention that a limited number of places are still available on the Condover Hall Study Residential which will take place from Thursday 8th February 2024 until Saturday 10th February 2024. As part of the residential, students receive targeted small group tuition in Mathematics and English from Highfields staff, alongside high-adrenaline land-based activities organised by the staff at Condover Hall.

As ever, if you have any queries relating to any of the above, please don't hesitate to contact upperschoolstaff@hswv.co.uk

Yours sincerely

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