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**Year 11 Update | Half Term 2**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are well.

As the first series of mock examinations end, we are congratulating Year 11 for the resilience, determination and maturity they have demonstrated over the past two weeks. Students have approached this period with immense positivity and have worked hard throughout a demanding examination schedule. A huge thank you for your continued support at home throughout the mock examination period.

The results from these mocks will provide valuable feedback for both students and teachers, helping to identify strengths and areas for improvement ahead of the next mock examination window, and the GCSE examinations in May. This will allow us to ensure that revision, intervention and classroom support are as targeted and effective as possible.

**Winter Formal | 4 December 2026, 7 – 10pm**

Year 11 Winter Formal tickets will go live by the end of the day on Friday 13 November. Students will be able to purchase their tickets via ParentPay. As a reminder, the Year 11 Portal is the central location for all key information relating to Year 11, including examinations, revision support, important dates, letters, and events.

Winter Formal is an opportunity to celebrate student success and is dependent on students meeting our existing expectations for:

- Attendance
- Behaviour
- Conduct

To be eligible to attend the Winter Formal, students are expected to maintain 100% attendance between 16 - 27 November (9 school days). This period is particularly important as teachers will be providing valuable feedback following the mock examinations, while also continuing to teach content that will be assessed in future examinations. We want all Year 11 students to make the very most of the support, guidance and teaching available to them during this crucial stage of their GCSE courses.



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**Year 11 Celebration Event | 20 November 2026**

To recognise and celebrate the commitment, resilience and hard work shown by Year 11 throughout their mock examination period, all students will take part in a Year 11 Celebration Event on Friday 20 November during PM Tutor Time and Period 5.

During this event, the year group will come together in the Main Hall to reflect on the achievements and successes of the mock examination window before taking part in a series of Sixth Form Enrichment taster sessions.

The enrichment sessions will be taught by our current Sixth Form students and are designed to give Year 11 students an insight into the wide range of enrichment opportunities available at Huish Sixth Form. Students will have the opportunity to experience some of the extracurricular activities, clubs and leadership opportunities that form an important part of Sixth Form life and help to develop confidence, teamwork and wider life skills.

We are looking forward to celebrating the hard work of Year 11 and providing students with an opportunity to explore some of the exciting opportunities available to them as they begin to consider their post-16 pathways.

**Dates for the Diary**

Forthcoming events for your diary:

- **3 December 2026** – Year 11 Parents' Evening and Mock Exam Results
- **4 December 2026** – Year 11 Winter Formal
- **1 July 2027** – Year 11 Prom

Further information regarding all events will be shared in due course.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring that students school every day, arrive punctually, and remain focused on achieving their very best outcomes.

Kind regards,

**Mr Michael Waterhouse**
Head of Year 11



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