



Year 11 Parents' Examination Evening - Key Information

Thank you for attending the Year 11 Examination Information Session. Please see below a recap of the key information.

Attendance

Every student, every lesson, every day. Attending lessons in the run up to the exams is more important than ever. Please make sure your child does not miss out on learning before the exam period.

Statement of entry

All students should have now received their statement of entry. They must check this carefully and inform the Exam and Data Team if there are any queries. When attending exams, students must attend in their full college uniform.

Pre-Exam Commitment Sessions

These sessions will be the last, teacher led revision lessons before the exams. Sessions are 2.30pm-3.30pm. The normal commitment timetable will continue until this point.

Date	Commitment Sessions
Tuesday 5 th May	Science
Wednesday 6 th May	RE & Option A
Thursday 7 th May	English
Monday 11 th May	Science
Tuesday 12 th May	Geography & Computer Science
Wednesday 13 th May	Maths
Thursday 14 th May	History & Computer Science
Friday 15 th May	Science
Monday 18 th May	English
Tuesday 19 th May	French & RE
Wednesday 20 th May	English
Thursday 21 st May	PE, Health and Fitness & Geography
Friday 22 nd May	Science
Monday 1 st June	Science
Tuesday 2 nd June	Maths
Wednesday 3 rd June	History & French
Thursday 4 th June	English
Tuesday 9 th June	Maths & Science lesson (AM)
Wednesday 10 th June	Geography
Thursday 11 th June	Chemistry

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Revision

Students should now have an established revision plan and should keep up with this over Easter. All students have been given information regarding study links for every subject so please encourage them to use this. This can also be found on the Year 11 section of the Minsthorpe website.

Pre exam breakfast- greet and eat

Breakfast will be provided free prior to every morning exam from Monday 12th May 2026 in the canteen from 8am. Staff will be available to offer support. Any students not wanting to join us for breakfast must be in College promptly at 8.25am for the start of each exam.

When do lessons finish?

When students are not in an exam then they must be in normal lessons. Lessons will continue as normal until after the English exam on Friday 5th June 2026.

Revision is essential

Top tips

- Make a revision plan,
- Ensure the learning environment is suitable- make a revision zone,
- Study in short bursts (20-30 minutes),
- Reduce distractions,
- Talk to your child about how they are revising and the techniques they have been taught- mind maps, flashcards, testing strategies, past papers,
- Make sure they are sleeping and eating well,
- Exam stress is normal but help with strategies to manage this.

Resources to help students prepare for exams and assessments

Ofqual has [published resources](#) aimed at helping young people through the exam period. These include:

- [A guide for students on coping with exam pressure](#),
- [work to understand test anxiety](#)
- [a student perspective on feeling pressure about exams](#)
- [managing the time between finishing exams and results being issued](#).

Emergencies

If your child is seriously ill and cannot attend an exam, then they must have a doctor's note to say they are unfit to attend. Special consideration may then be taken. Non-attendance at exams without a valid note will be charged and students will not get a grade. If your child is too unwell to attend on the day of the exam, please contact the College as soon as possible.

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After Year 11

The Careers Office is open for support from 8am-4pm Monday to Thursday, 8am-3.30pm on a Friday. If students feel they need extra support, they can drop in to arrange this. Any student who has not yet applied for College or has changed their mind needs to email enquiries@minsthorpe.cc and we will support you with applications. Even if your child is interested in an apprenticeship, it's a good idea to have a back-up plan just in case. Support is available throughout the summer, please contact College if you wish to make an appointment.

Prom

The Year 11 Prom is on Thursday 2nd July 2026 at Burntwood Court Hotel and all students who meet the following targets will be invited. 96% attendance = no more than 8 days absent, positive attendance at Commitment Sessions and a positive behaviour record. Invites will be issued in the Summer Term.

Results Day

GCSE Results Day will take place on Thursday 20th August 2026. Students need to come to site to collect their results or provide an addressed envelope for them to be posted. Parents are invited to attend Results Day.

The vast majority of Year 11 have now signed up for the DfE Education Record. This will mean that following results day, students will be able to access their results through the app and send them on to providers. If your child still wants to sign up, then support will be in place.

Contact

Should you require further information regarding Exams, then please contact the Exams Team on exams-data@minsthorpe.cc. If you need to speak with Mr Max, Mrs McGowan or your child's teacher then please email enquiries@minsthorpe.cc where your email will then be passed to the relevant staff member.

Good Luck- hard work will be rewarded

We want to wish all our Year 11 students every success in their exams. The next few months will not be easy but if they put in the hard work now, they will see the rewards on Results Day.

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