



## Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

**Q. Will school provide a document listing all the key dates?**

**A.** We have included the list at the end of these questions

**Q. Will there be opportunity for school trips away and D of E this year?**

**A.** There will be some day trips available this year but residential trips will not go ahead. Duke of Edinburgh's Award is open to students in Y9 (Bronze) and Y12 (Gold). Y11s are not eligible for the DoE award this year.

**Q. Will 6th form open day be on line or face to face**

**A.** The 6th Form Open Evening will be face to face, we're looking forward to welcoming everyone. Open evening is on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November from 6.30pm onwards.

**Q. Is there information about what topics are examined in the mocks for each subject?**

**A.** Subject leaders and class teachers will communicate this to students directly. Do check SMHW as many do publish revision lists there.

**Q. Will there be language exams in the November mocks?**

**A.** Yes - there will be MFL exams in the November Mocks in French, Spanish and German, assessing reading, listening and writing. There will also be an exam in Latin. Class teachers will give further details as to exactly what parts of the course will be examined.

**Q. Can you confirm that the mocks will be in exactly the same approach as the Summer exams?**

**A.** The mocks / trial exams will be in the same format as those in the summer as far as possible. They will be in the main hall for most students and will follow the same procedures as the summer examination series, with the use of external invigilators. Agreed Access arrangements will be in place for the November trials.

**Q. What type of feedback is given to students on gaps/ways to improve results? And how can this be made available to parents?**

**A.** The trial exam feedback will highlight gaps in learning and its important that all students engage with the feedback lessons, as well as trying their best in the trial exams to ensure the feedback is accurate. Feedback will be given to students directly. Do speak with your child(ren) after the trial exams to discuss the feedback given. There is the opportunity to discuss this with class teachers during the Y11 parents evening on the 18<sup>th</sup> January.

**Q. How much time revising in advance of final exams is recommended? a month, 2 months etc.? Will the school be advising the children on this?**

**A.** This depends on the student and their previous revision habits. In general, we recommend students are revising for their final exams from February half term onwards. It is important that students start in enough time to allow for breaks and days off in their revision timetable – no one can revise 7 days per week without a break. Please remember that there are trial exams in February, immediately after half term, so students will be preparing for these exams after Christmas. PSHCEE lessons will cover revision timetables and ‘how to revise’ with all students in the new year.

**Q. Is there some reference as to the exam board being used for the subjects to make sure we get the right revision guides/card/etc?**

**A.** Class teachers will communicate this directly with students and we will aim to publish this on the website very soon. Revision guides can be purchased through our ParentPayShop website at <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Uniform/Default.aspx?shopid=780> . If you have any questions about the tier of entry or exam board used please contact your child’s subject leader via [enquiries@highstorrs.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@highstorrs.sheffield.sch.uk)

**Q. When is the latest we will know the dates of GCSE summer exams?**

**A.** GCSE Summer exams usually run from around 16th May until 26th June. As soon as we have confirmed dates for exams we will share them with students and families.

**Q. If TAGs are used again next summer will the trial exam results be considered?**

**A.** Currently there are no plans for any form of teacher assessments this year, and GCSE will go ahead in the usual way in the summer. Students should use trial exams to identify gaps in knowledge in preparation for next June. We cannot say for 100% certainty that this will be the case, but if anything does change we will let parents know as soon as possible.

**Q. On careers options - what can we as parents do to get involved or help make sure that we get the right access to options and outcomes?**

**A.** Sheffield progress is the online website that students to search and submit any application for Post 16 study <https://www.sheffieldprogress.co.uk/> . Do ask your child(ren) how they are getting on and ensure they have all sections completed by the 21st January. You can search courses without the need to log in.

**Q. What is Lucy Parson's Website?**

**A.** <https://lifemoreextraordinary.com/>

Q. Can you say more about where and when study skills sessions will take place?

A. These will be held on Mondays over the coming weeks for students identified as having revision as a concern in the first round of sessions. There will also be PSHCEE lessons devoted to revision in the new year.

Key Dates for Y11 2021/2022

Y11 Tracker 1	W/C 11 <sup>th</sup> October*
HSS 6 <sup>th</sup> Form Open Evening	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November from 6.30pm
November Trial Examinations	W/C 8 <sup>th</sup> November
Y11 Tracker 2	W/C 6 <sup>th</sup> December*
Y11 Parents Evening (Virtual via School Cloud)	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> January 4.30 – 7.00pm
February Trial Examinations	W/C 21 <sup>st</sup> February
Y11 Tracker 3	W/C 14 <sup>th</sup> March*
GCSE Summer Examination begin	W/C 16 <sup>th</sup> May – TBC
Y11 Prom	Friday 1st July 2022
HSS 6 <sup>th</sup> Form Applicant Days	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2022

\*Tracker dates indicate when we collect the data in school. Trackers will be sent home and visible through MyEd a few days after the data is collected.

Autumn Term

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Half Term 25th Oct - 31st Oct	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Christmas Holidays 17th Dec - 3rd Jan
				Y11 Parents Information Evening		Y11 Tracker 1					KS4 Trial Exams				Y11 Tracker 2	

Spring Term

1	2	3	4	5	6	Half Term 14th - 20th Feb	1	2	3	4	5	6	Easter Holidays 4th April - 18th April
		Y11 Parents Evening 18th Jan						KS4 Trial Exams			Y11 Tracker 3		

Summer Term

1	2	3	4	5	6	Half Term 30th May - 5th June	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
				GCSE Summer Examinations				GCSE Summer Examinations	Summer Holidays				