

02 October 2026

Dear Parent/Carers,

Year 11 Period 6 Support Sessions

As we continue to support Year 11 students in preparing for their GCSEs and completing their courses successfully, a programme of **Period 6 support sessions** will be running after school (see timetable below).

Many of these sessions are for **coursework-based subjects** and are designed to provide additional time and support for students who need to catch up or improve their work to ensure that their coursework is at the expected standard.

Please note that students will not necessarily need to attend a Period 6 session simply because they study that subject. Teachers will identify the students who would benefit from attending and will communicate this directly to them. Therefore, if your child is required to attend a particular subject session, they will be informed by their teacher.

Maths Intervention is shown on the timetable from Monday to Thursday. Students who have been selected for Maths Intervention have been placed into specific groups and **will only attend on their allocated day; they are not expected to attend on all four days**. Parents/carers of students taking part in Maths Intervention will already have received a separate letter confirming the arrangements and the day their child should attend.

Half Term Catch-Up Sessions

You will also see **Half Term Catch-Up Sessions** listed for **Tuesday 20th October 2026 and Friday 30th October 2026**. These will give Year 11 students an opportunity to come into school during the half term break to complete additional work and receive support.

Further information about these sessions, including how students can sign up to attend, will follow.

Year 11 Parents' Evening – Thursday 8th October 2026, 4:00pm to 6:30pm

A reminder that **Year 11 Parents' Evening will take place on Thursday 8th October 2026 from 4:00pm until 6:30pm**. A separate letter with further information about the evening has already been sent to parents/carers. <https://woodlands.southampton.sch.uk/parent-letters/y11-parents-evening-2/attachment/y11-parents-evening-psm/>

When you arrive at Parents' Evening, you will be able to **collect a printed copy of your child's latest school report**. The evening therefore provides an important opportunity to review your child's current progress and discuss this directly with their teachers, including the areas they should focus on as they approach their mock examinations.



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We are aware that our Parents' Evening coincides with an Open Event at Itchen College. However, Itchen College will remain open until 8:00pm, so families may wish to visit after attending Parents' Evening. Itchen College is also holding an additional Open Event on Saturday 10th October 2026.

Year 11 Mock Examinations – Monday 2nd to Friday 13th November 2026

Year 11 **mock examinations will begin immediately after the half term break** and will run for two weeks, from **Monday 2nd to Friday 13th November 2026**.

These examinations are an important opportunity for students to demonstrate their current knowledge and understanding and to identify the areas they need to focus on as they continue towards their final GCSE examinations. A full **mock examination timetable will be shared with students and parents/carers at Parents' Evening**.

The coming weeks are an important period for Year 11. Period 6, the half term catch-up sessions, Parents' Evening and the mock examinations all form part of the support we are putting in place to help students make the best possible progress.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P Smallman'.

Mr P Smallman

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Period 6 Support Timetable

September–December 2026

Week beginning	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
28 Sept	Maths intervention Art Textiles Engineering	Maths intervention Media Hair and Beauty Animal Care	Maths intervention Photography	Maths intervention	Child Development Dance/Drama
5 Oct	Maths intervention Art Textiles Engineering	Maths intervention Media Hair and Beauty	Maths intervention Photography	Maths intervention	Dance/Drama Textiles
12 Oct	No Period 6				
19 Oct	—	Half-term catch-up Tuesday 20 Oct Textiles ICT	—	—	—
26 Oct	—	—	—	—	Half-term catch-up Friday 30 Oct Animal Care Media
2 Nov	Maths intervention Art Textiles Engineering	Maths intervention Media Hair and Beauty	Maths intervention Photography	Maths intervention	Child Development Dance/Drama Textiles
9 Nov	Maths intervention Art Textiles Engineering	Maths intervention Media Animal Care	Maths intervention Photography	Maths intervention	Child Development Dance/Drama
16 Nov	Maths intervention Art Textiles Engineering	Maths intervention Media Hair and Beauty	Maths intervention Photography	Maths intervention	Child Development Dance/Drama Textiles
23 Nov	Maths intervention Art Textiles Engineering	Maths intervention Media Animal Care	Maths intervention Photography	Maths intervention	Child Development Dance/Drama
30 Nov	Maths intervention Art Textiles Engineering	Maths intervention Media Hair and Beauty	Maths intervention Photography	Maths intervention	Child Development Dance/Drama Textiles
7 Dec	Maths intervention Art Textiles Engineering	Maths intervention Media Hair and Beauty Animal Care	Maths intervention Photography	Maths intervention	Child Development Dance/Drama
14 Dec	No Period 6				