



9 October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Year 11 November Mock examinations and Prom information

Year 11 are due to start mock examinations in the week commencing 10 November. The experience is designed to replicate the summer examination period and therefore examination timetables, venues, support and invigilation will all be in place exactly as they will be in the summer of 2026.

The mock examination window is necessarily short and there will often be two examinations per day. This is to minimise the disruption to lessons and to impress upon students the need to prepare for exams in advance. Past experience informs us that some students do not have a comprehensive revision plan and simply revise for their next exam. This will not be suitable for GCSEs.

Students often have more anxiety about their November mocks than their actual GCSE exams. This is because the mock process not only gives information on progress, but plays a vital role preparing students emotionally for the exam period. There will be support available from the Hub, Mrs Spain and form tutors for any students with difficulties. We know that this mock process has huge benefits when it comes to taking exams in the summer.

Planning of revision will be essential for good achievement. Therefore, we have produced an Exam Support, Mock Exams, November 2025 Booklet in order to provide parents and students with relevant information and a summary of resources. Every department has contributed to this document and it should be a valuable resource for all students. It includes recommended revision resources and where they can be found for each subject and there is also a section on anxiety and exam preparation. Any student who is not sure how to start revising should look here first.

The booklet can be found on the school website at the top of the page under the tab called 'Year 11 Revision': [Soham Village College - Year 11 Revision \(sohamvc.org\)](http://sohamvc.org) More resources will be added to this page throughout the year.

Students will have a series of assemblies with more information and practical advice about how to prepare. Our experience is that students who organise their time in order to revise independently and to target areas for improvement achieve well and get the predictions they need.

Examination times and location are being finalised timetables will be given out next week. The exam support booklet on the website has details of every exam in every subject including how long it will be and the topics that might come up. Students should use this to start revising now if they have not already.



The results of the mocks will be used to inform the predicted grades included in the college application forms.

If you have any queries or comments regarding the mocks, please contact me directly by email on ESlingsby@soham-college.org.uk

Please note the 2026 Prom will take place on Friday 26 June. We are aware that families plan ahead for this event so please be aware that because of health and safety advice, we are not able to accommodate any arrivals at prom which include animals. If you are planning an unusual arrival to the prom, please sure that you have discussed this with the school in advance.

Yours faithfully,

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