

Create Your Future

Year 11 Revision Information Evening

February 2026



- **Year 11 timeline – Hannah Evans, Deputy Headteacher**
- **Student wellbeing and how we are supporting students with their revision – Wain Marriott, Head of Year 11**

Year 11 Timeline

October

- Drop-in sessions start
- Focus groups identified
- Attitude to Learning grades assigned
- 1-1 meetings with the Senior Team

November

- Drop-in sessions
- Mock Exams
- Sixth Form Open Evening

December

- Apply for Sixth Form
- Teachers highlight gaps from mocks
- Drop-in sessions
- Practical coursework deadline

January

- Mock results day
- Parents consultation meeting
- Mock results review

February

- Drop-in sessions
- Revision information evening
- Accept sixth form offers through Applica

March

- Attitude to Learning grades assigned
- Coursework deadlines
- Drop in sessions
- Initial revision packs given out to students

April

- Language speaking exams begin
- GCSE Fine Art, Graphics Art and Photography exams
- Other practical exams

May/June

- GCSE written examinations begin
- Study leave begins 18th May
- Exams continue until 24th June

Summer Exams

- The summer exams run in the same way as the mock exams
- Students will have a booklet containing the exam timetable and other relevant information
- They should still attend school as normal until Friday 15th May
- Study leave begins on Monday 18th May. Students should only attend if they have an exam

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Sixth Form Remote Learning	Year Groups
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School YouTube Channel	Sixth Form Revision
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- Year 7
- Year 8
- Year 9
- Year 10
- Year 11
- Sixth Form

Prohibited items

(Rules introduced 2 years ago)

- Phones
- Watches
- Airpods
- Revision notes

They are not allowed to be left in pockets or bags, even if they are switched off.

Leave in lockers

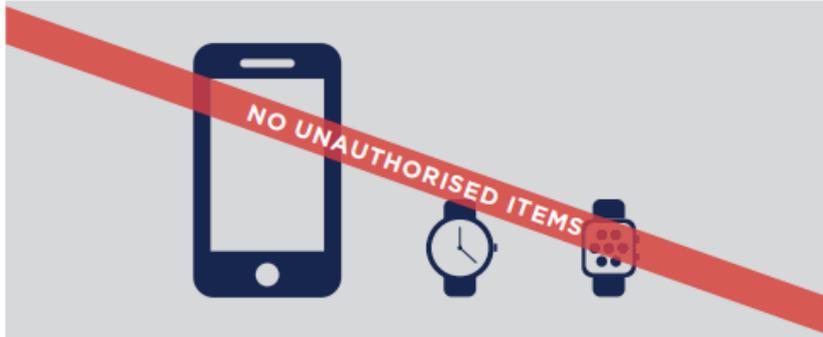
Hand in to invigilators on way in (kept secure and collected at the end of the day)



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**NO MOBILE PHONES
NO WATCHES**

NO POTENTIAL TECHNOLOGICAL/WEB
ENABLED SOURCES OF INFORMATION



Possession of unauthorised items, such as a mobile phone or any watch, is a serious offence and could result in

DISQUALIFICATION

from your examination and your overall qualification.

This poster must be displayed in a prominent place outside each examination room.

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Other Important Information

- There is only one sitting of each exam, except for clashes.
- **Students who miss exams will receive a U grade.**

Warning to candidates



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You **must** be on time for all your examinations.

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Possession of a mobile phone or other unauthorised material **is not allowed** even if you do not intend to use it. You will be subject to penalty and possible disqualification from the examination or qualification.

3

You **must not** talk to, attempt to communicate with or disturb other candidates once you have entered the examination room.

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You **must** follow the instructions of the invigilator.

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You **must not** sit an examination in the name of another candidate.

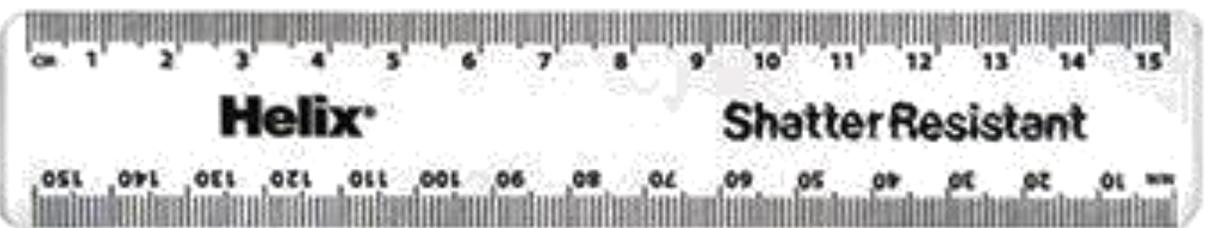
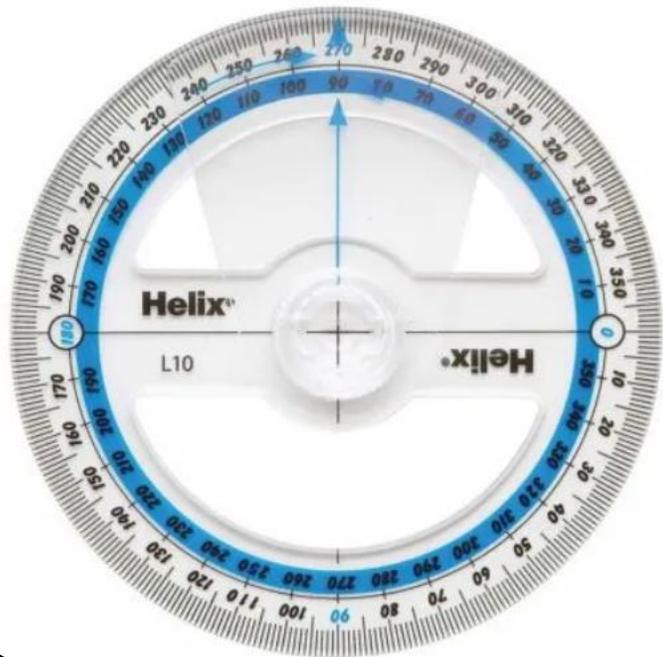
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You **must not** become involved in any unfair or dishonest practice in any part of the examination.

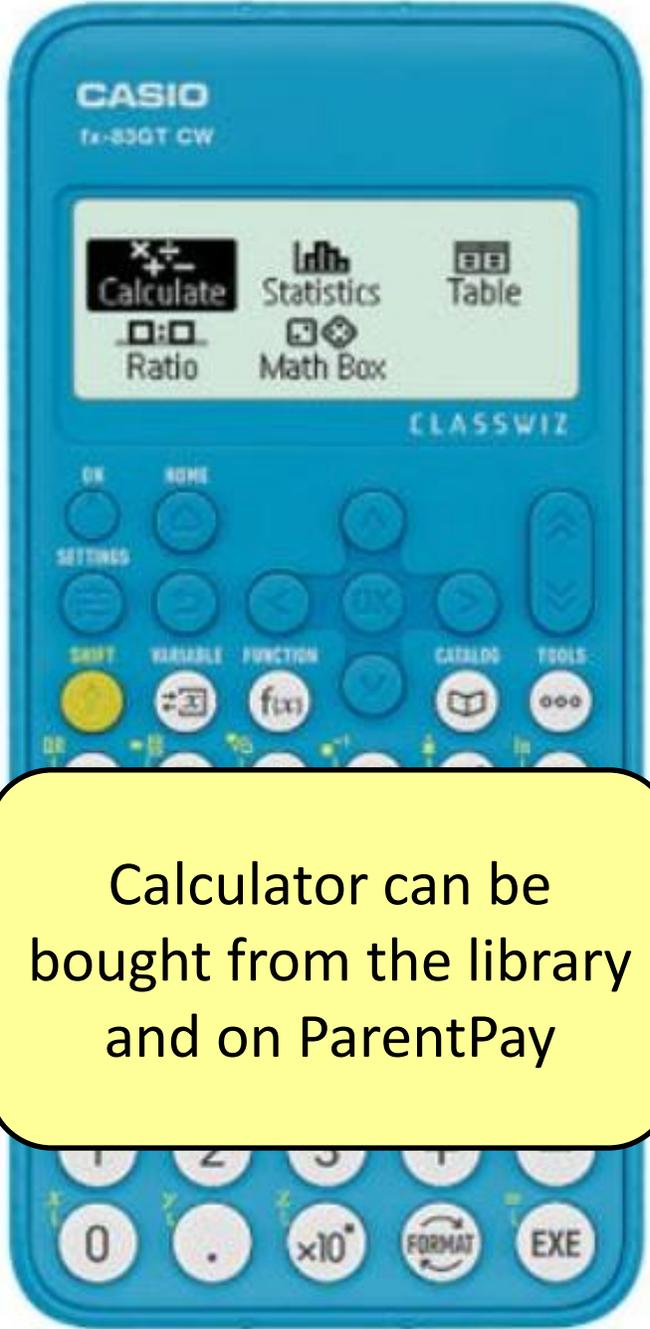
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If you are confused about anything, only speak to an invigilator.

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Filled see-through exam pencil case can be bought from the library and on Parent Pay



Calculator can be bought from the library and on ParentPay

Some Key Dates

- **Prom – Wednesday 24th June 2026**
- **Sixth Form Transition Day – Friday 3rd July 2026**
- **GCSE Results Day – Thursday 20th August 2026**

Pastoral care

Wain Marriott

Head of Year 11

Here we go...

The first exam is on 7th May PM (German listening and reading)

That's 10 weeks away

That's 70 days away

That's 36 school days away

Or 1680 hours

Or 100,800 minutes

You get one chance at this.....

Make the most of every single day....

Plan and organise your time

- **Create a timetable: Break down your revision into manageable chunks and create a study timetable. Allocate more time for subjects or topics you find challenging.**
- **Use a revision calendar: Mark down important dates like exam days, and work backward to plan your revision well in advance.**

There are 65 different revision sessions available to you at lunch or after school over your two week timetable. All led by teachers.

Active revision techniques

- **Mind Maps:** Use mind maps to link key ideas and topics, making it easier to recall information during the exam.
- **Flashcards:** Create flashcards for key definitions, formulas, and concepts. Test yourself regularly.
- **Practice Questions:** Work through past exam papers and sample questions. Time yourself to improve exam technique and speed.
- **Teach Someone Else:** Explain concepts to a friend or family member. Teaching is one of the best ways to reinforce what you've learned.
- **Spaced Repetition:** Review topics regularly and space out your revision sessions to boost long-term retention.

Focus on weak areas

- **Identify weak spots: Focus more on the subjects or topics you struggle with. Don't ignore them, as they can make a big difference in your level.**
- **Targeted revision: Use resources like textbooks, revision guides, or online tutorials to strengthen areas where you need extra help.**

Use a variety of resources

- **Revision guides and apps: Use GCSE-specific revision guides (e.g.CGP) or educational apps to help you prepare. Websites like Quizlet, BBC Bitesize, and Seneca Learning are also great for interactive learning.**
- **Online videos: YouTube has tons of educational channels like Khan Academy or specific GCSE channels, for all subjects, that explain concepts clearly.**

Revision with friends

- **Group study: studying in a group can help you learn different perspectives and clarify doubts. Just make sure the study session stays focused.**
- **Discuss topics: share notes and test each other on what you've studied.**

Practice time management

- **Timed practice:** When doing practice papers, simulate exam conditions by timing yourself to get used to the pace of the real exam.
- **Prioritise tasks:** Tackle the most important or challenging subjects first, and work on easier topics later when you're more tired.

Create a healthy study environment

- **Minimise distractions: Find a quiet, well-lit space to study. Turn off your phone or use apps to block distractions during revision sessions.**
- **Stay organised: Keep your revision materials in order. Use folders, notebooks, and digital tools to keep track of notes and progress.**

Understanding stress and anxiety

- **Stress is a normal response to challenges.**
- **Different types of stress (e.g., academic, social, and personal stress).**
- **Stress can be helpful in small doses (motivating you to study), but excessive stress can impact your health and performance.**
- **Signs of stress: headaches, lack of sleep, irritability, feeling overwhelmed.**

Recognising when stress becomes a problem

- **Physical signs: fatigue, tension, stomach problems.**
- **Emotional signs: feeling anxious, sad, or overwhelmed.**
- **Behavioural signs: procrastination, social withdrawal, negative thinking.**
- **What to do: Talk to someone, reach out for help, and focus on self-care.**

How to manage stress effectively

- **Time Management:** Prioritise tasks, break big tasks into smaller ones, and avoid last minute cramming.
- **Sleep:** Aim for 8-9 hours of sleep to help your brain function better.
- **Nutrition:** Eat balanced meals, stay hydrated, and avoid excessive caffeine.
- **Exercise:** Take breaks for physical activity to release tension and boost mood.
- **Relaxation:** Try mindfulness, deep breathing exercises, meditation or whatever works for you – not your phones!

Creating a balanced routine

- **Plan your revision and wellbeing time.**
- **Set realistic study goals and timelines.**
- **Balance study time with relaxation and personal time.**
- **Include breaks—study for 45-60 minutes, then take a 10-15 minute break.**
- **Use relaxation techniques (like yoga, walks, or stretching) during breaks.**
- **Be flexible—sometimes, plans need to change, and that's okay.**

Overcoming exam anxiety

- You will feel anxious and that's okay.
- Preparation is the best way to avoid feeling anxious.
- Practice relaxation techniques (e.g., deep breathing) before and during exams.
- Focus on what you can control, not what you can't.
- Positive self-talk: Replace negative thoughts with affirmations like "I can do this".
- Visualise success: Picture yourself walking into the exam calmly and doing well.
- Remember, it's just one part of your life—do your best, but don't stress over perfection.

Seeking support

- **Don't be afraid to ask for help.**
- **Talk to someone you trust: family, friends, or teachers.**
- **Access support in school.**
- **You're not alone, everyone faces challenges, and asking for help is a sign of strength.**
- **Use your friends. Study groups or sharing your thoughts with classmates can help.**
- **Look out for and after each other.**

Preparing for exam days

- **Night before: Get a good night's sleep, avoid last-minute cramming.**
- **Morning of an exam: Eat a healthy breakfast (e.g., whole grains, fruits, and protein). Not Haribo, Monster Munch and a can of Monster!**
- **Arrive early: Give yourself enough time to arrive calm and focused.**
- **During the exam: Breathe deeply if you feel anxious, and pace yourself during the exams.**
- **After the exam: Take a break to relax, unwind and recharge.**

Keeping things in perspective

- **These exams are important, but they do not define you.**
- **Mistakes will happen—learn from them and move forward.**
- **Remember, everyone’s journey is different, and it’s okay to not have everything figured out right now.**
- **Focus on progress, not perfection.**
- **Take it one day at a time.**
- **Your best is enough.**
- **Good luck – you’ll need it!**

Having said all that...

- **Hoodies – Order form to be sent out shortly**
- **The Prom**
 - **Wednesday 24th June**
 - **Shottle Hall**
 - **7pm -11pm (Parents arrive from 6pm, students arrive from 6:30pm)**
- **Leavers Assembly – Continue to send photographs to the prompics@belperschool.co.uk email address**

Online Revision

- Seneca
- Quizlet
- BBC Bitesize
- Sparx Maths
- Maths Genie
- First Class Maths
- My Physics and Maths Tutor
- You tube – Mr Bruff (videos for English Language and Literature)

Next week...

- **Students will be given a purple folder by their tutors**
- **Teachers will hand out paper revision materials for all subjects where there is a written exam**
- **Resources are for independent study at home**

Support



- **Students can speak to their tutors, teachers, Wain ...**
- **Parents: belperschool@belperschool.co.uk**