

Year 11 Study Support Evening

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Mock Exams

- ▶ GCSEs are tougher now than they were before - our job is to make sure the young people feel prepared and supported
- ▶ Results from the mock exams/assessment week are used during the 1:1 options meetings in February and for college and apprenticeship applications
- ▶ Timed to allow students some time off at Christmas and time to work on coursework and any pre-release for art exams in February half term. Easter holidays onwards will be needed for revision

Key Dates:

- ▶ Assessment week (non-EBacc + English Language) w/c 14th October 2019
- ▶ First mock exams take place w/c 4th **November 2019**
- ▶ Results out just before Christmas (w/c 10th December 2019)
- ▶ W/c 9th December 2019 - Language orals
- ▶ Parents' evening Q band 15th January, E band 21st January 2020
- ▶ Second mock period **Friday 7th February - Thursday 13th February 2020**
- ▶ Results out w/c 23rd March 2020
- ▶ Maths algebra test w/c 2nd March 2020
- ▶ GCSE exams start: Monday 11th May 2020 (the first 'big exam is biology on Tuesday 12th May)
- ▶ GCSE exams finish: Wednesday 24th June 2020
- ▶ Practical exams, orals, art exams all take place before the formal GCSE period starts

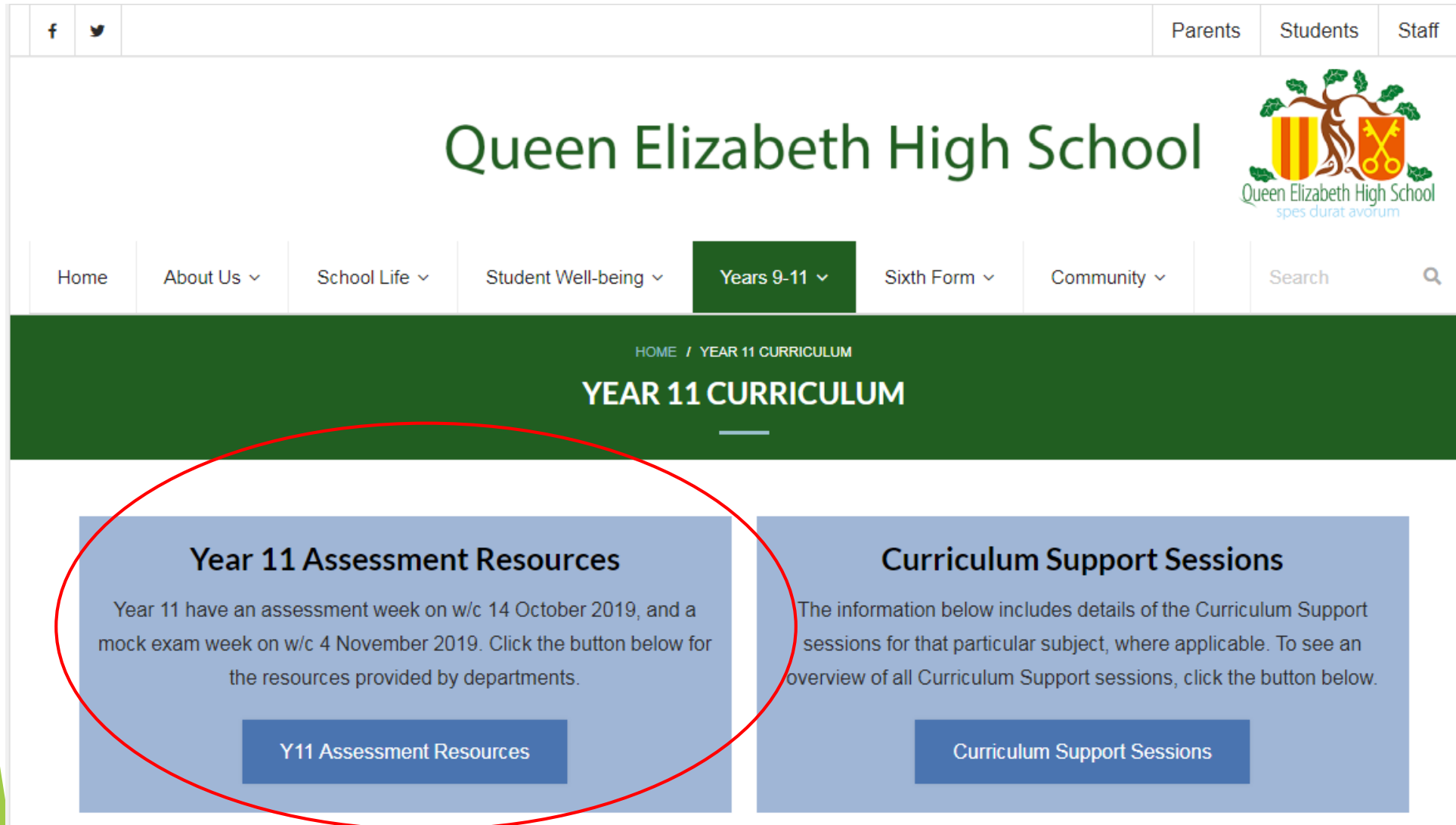
First mock exam dates:

Day	am/pm	Subject	Length (mins)
Monday	am	English Literature	135
Monday	pm	Geography	90
Tuesday	am	History	120
Tuesday	am	Computing	90
Tuesday	pm	Maths	90
Wednesday	am	Chemistry	105
Wednesday	pm	Design Technology	105
Thursday	am	Biology	105
Thursday	pm	French (Writing)	60
Thursday	pm	German (Writing)	60
Friday	am	Physics	105
Friday	pm	Latin	90
Friday	pm	Spanish (Writing)	60


Mock Exams

- ▶ Students are expected to be in lessons when they are not sitting a mock exam (different lunch arrangements will be made)
- ▶ They need to attend school in their full uniform
- ▶ On the day of exams, the seating plans are available in multiple locations
- ▶ Mobile phones / other portable electronic devices are handed into the invigilators
- ▶ Students assemble in the main hall and are called in row by row for a calm, orderly start
- ▶ Students must have a clear pencil case and the right equipment

Revision Resources




The screenshot shows the website for Queen Elizabeth High School. At the top, there are social media icons for Facebook and Twitter, and navigation links for Parents, Students, and Staff. The school's name and crest are prominently displayed. Below the navigation menu, the 'Years 9-11' link is highlighted. The main content area features a dark green header with the text 'HOME / YEAR 11 CURRICULUM' and 'YEAR 11 CURRICULUM'. Two blue boxes are present: one for 'Year 11 Assessment Resources' and one for 'Curriculum Support Sessions'. The 'Year 11 Assessment Resources' box is circled in red. The text in the 'Year 11 Assessment Resources' box reads: 'Year 11 have an assessment week on w/c 14 October 2019, and a mock exam week on w/c 4 November 2019. Click the button below for the resources provided by departments.' Below this text is a blue button labeled 'Y11 Assessment Resources'. The 'Curriculum Support Sessions' box contains the text: 'The information below includes details of the Curriculum Support sessions for that particular subject, where applicable. To see an overview of all Curriculum Support sessions, click the button below.' Below this text is a blue button labeled 'Curriculum Support Sessions'.


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YEAR 11 ASSESSMENT/MOCK EXAM RESOURCES

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The following resources have been provided by departments for the upcoming assessments, providing details of the assessment's format and materials to support revision:

- [Biology \(Combined Science\) \(PDF\)](#)
- [Biology \(Triple Science\) \(PDF\)](#)
- [Business \(PDF\)](#)
- [Chemistry \(including both Combined Science and Triple Science\) \(PDF\)](#)
- [Computing \(PDF\)](#)

Formal Mock/Assessment Week Exam Template

Year Group:	Year 11
Subject:	Geography
Tier (if applicable):	N/A

Details of mock exam

Paper to be sat:	Component 2 – UK Geographical landscapes
Topics to be covered in the mock:	<p>Section A: Topic 4 - The UK's evolving physical landscape including coastal change and conflict and River processes and pressures</p> <p>Section B: Topic 5 - The UK's evolving human landscape Case Study – Dynamic UK cities – Incl. Newcastle case study</p> <p>Section C: Topic 6 - Geographical investigation: <i>Fieldwork in a physical environment</i> - The exam paper will include two sets of questions, one on <i>Coastal change and conflict</i> and the other on River processes and pressures. Students <i>must</i> only answer the question on River processes and pressures and should ignore the coastal fieldwork question. They need to revise the Cockshaw Burn fieldwork study for this section.</p>

Materials to support your revision

<p>Link to Online Resources:</p>	<p>www.kerboodle.com – Online textbook. Pages 110-220 (Excl. p202-210) Students will need an institution code which is ob2 and their login will be their initial followed by their surname e.g rbooth. Some students may share the same initial and surname with others and so they will have a 1 added at the end e.g. rbooth1</p> <p>If students have bought the revision cards, there is also a FREE online edition of the REVISE Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Geography B Revision Guide which comes with the Revision cards.</p> <p>Seneca is an excellent resource for students to test their knowledge on the geographical theory covered in the exam. We have set up groups for each of</p>
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Other Y11 support opportunities

After school support

- ▶ Advertised in departments and on the school website
- ▶ Use this opportunity thoughtfully

Form time support

- ▶ We have run this for the last three or four years and normally involves ALL Y11 eventually being allocated to a subject specific form group

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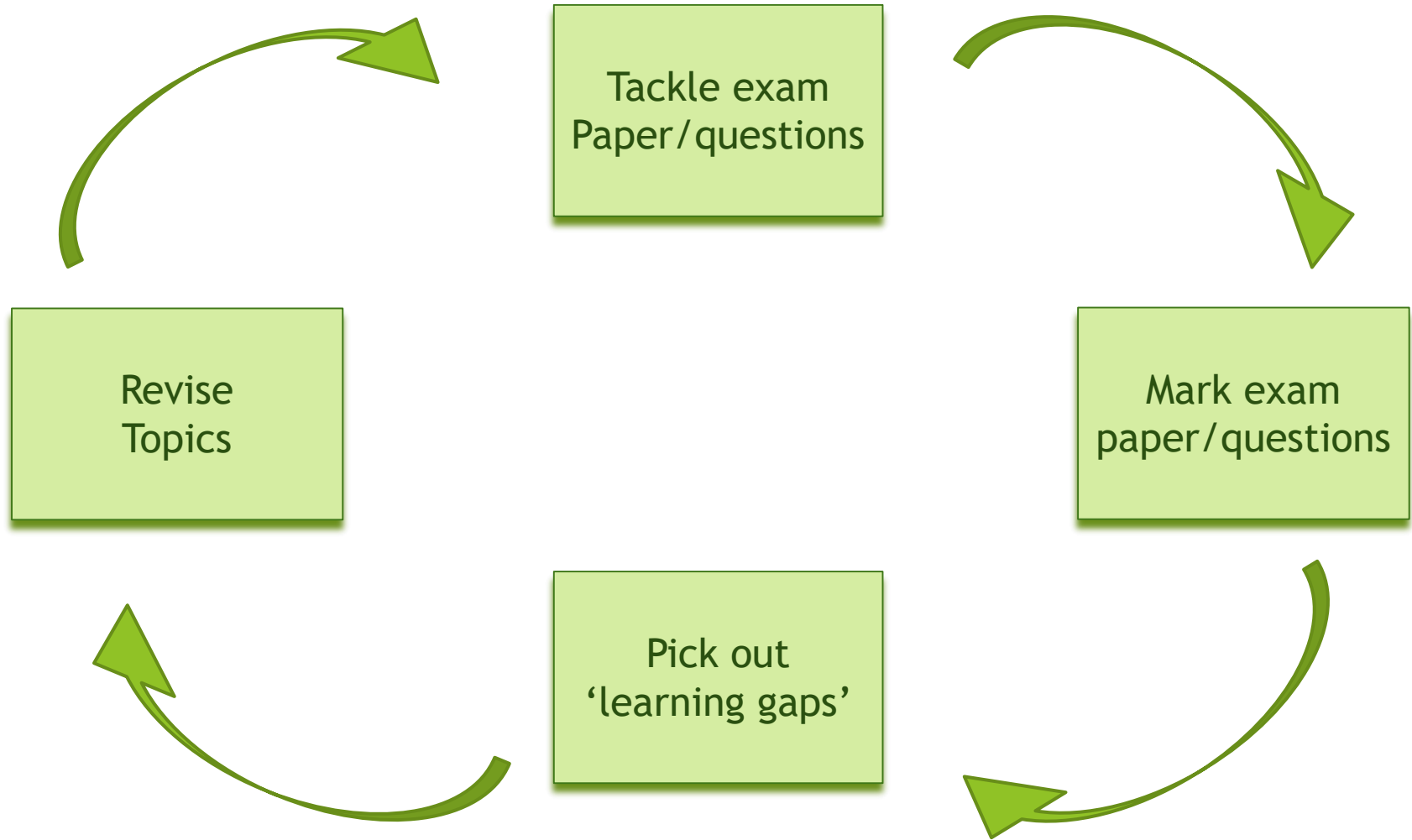
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Subject	Who	When
Art (all subjects)	Years 9–11	Wednesday 3.20pm–4.30pm
	Years 10 & 11	Thursday 3.20pm–4.30pm
Biology	Years 11–13	Monday 3.20pm–4.20pm

Support from home - some basics

- ▶ Ensure that there is a study space
- ▶ Monitor study AND 'device time'
- ▶ Take an interest in supporting e.g. vocab tests
- ▶ Chat about revision techniques that work best for your son/daughter and encourage development
- ▶ Food and sleep - these are essential and should not be underestimated
- ▶ Listen when your son/daughter wants to discuss school but tread carefully on the pressure that is placed on them
- ▶ Help them to maintain a healthy study/life balance

- ▶ Reward effort rather than results
- ▶ Don't overly rely on computer work near exam time - get a pen and paper and try a past exam paper!
- ▶ Leave time to practise exam questions/papers - this is the only way to test you can apply knowledge to answering questions
- ▶ Encourage them to complete timed questions/papers
- ▶ We don't expect you to be experts in each of their subjects, BUT, it would be helpful for you to check that your child understands the weighting of the papers and spends the right amount of time revising and answering each question



Hints and tips from Y12:

- ▶ Don't spend time making revision notes look pretty!
- ▶ Write notes as you go so you can use them in the GCSE exams.
- ▶ Revise for mocks - it helps you learn how to revise effectively and gives you less to do for the real exams.
- ▶ Test your memory frequently.
- ▶ Do exam papers and questions.
- ▶ Ask teachers questions.
- ▶ Focus on all subjects not just your favourites.
- ▶ Attend as many revision sessions/drop-ins as possible.
- ▶ Make time to relax.

Year 12 Feedback

GOOD AT:

- ▶ Organisation/knowing how to relax
- ▶ Having a school/life balance
- ▶ Using practice questions
- ▶ Knowing what topics to revise

NOT GOOD AT:

- ▶ Sticking to a study timetable
- ▶ Concentration
- ▶ Starting revision early

Equal numbers good and bad: making the most of drop-ins/extra help

Useful Websites:

- ▶ SENECA Learning (most subjects especially science and geography)
- ▶ Free science
- ▶ Corbett maths
- ▶ Dr Frost maths
- ▶ Dynamic Learning (history)
- ▶ Kerboodle (languages, geography and science)
- ▶ GCSE Bitesize (history, maths)

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Year 9 Survey: Student Safety Around School

- [Link to Survey](#)

Useful Links

- [Kerboodle](#)
- [Moodle](#)
- [Renaissance Learning](#)
- [Department Resources](#)

We are 26 school weeks away from the start of the formal GCSE exam period.

Remember, your son/daughter will have 11 weeks off in the summer!

Pop up revision guide shop!

- ▶ If you would like to purchase there is a shop available tonight!
- ▶ These guides are also available from Carole in the LRC
- ▶ They are a popular revision resource (alongside exercise books, assessments etc.)