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Dear Parent/Carer,

Our Year 11 pupils have now completed Phase 1 of their roadmap, and we are proud as a school to say they have made a fantastic start to this year. We improved attendances, more homework being set and completed, more pupils meeting coursework deadlines and increased participation in compulsory Period 6 sessions. This letter is very detailed but contains key information.

As a well done to Year 11 we will be holding a small celebration event on Thursday 23rd October at 2pm after their last mock examination to recognise their efforts to date. This will be in school, and pupils will be made aware of the details this week.

Half-Term Sessions Reminder

Over October half-term (Monday 27th to Wednesday 29th October 2025) our staff are running several revision clinics to support your child with their preparations for their summer examinations.

Teachers have identified pupils who they feel need additional time covering key content or practicing their examination technique, and it is crucial your child attends these sessions if they have been asked to support them to reach their potential in their examinations. Sessions will be as follows during the days stated above:

- Morning sessions — 9.45am — 11.45am
- Afternoon sessions — 12.00pm - 2.00pm

Phase 2 — Intervention Update

Following the conclusion of a successful mock exam period we wanted to share our updated plans for Phase 2 of the Year 11 roadmap.

Key Dates in Phase 2

- Phase 2 will begin on Monday 3rd November and finish on Friday 28th November.
- 6th Form Open Evening— Tuesday 18th November (5pm-7pm)
- Mock Results Day— Monday 24th November



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Period 6 Sessions

Compulsory Period 6 sessions will return on Tuesday 4th November.

Coursework subjects have been given the priority over this period of four weeks while the other departments are marking mock papers ready for results day.

We are extremely grateful for our teachers' dedication towards our pupils' studies that we have been able to put on such a wide range of sessions through the week.

All these sessions will run from 3.00pm—4.00pm unless stated otherwise, these sessions are compulsory and have been organised to support pupils who need additional intervention in preparation for either their final examinations or coursework deadlines.

Failure to attend these sessions may put your child's place at Prom at risk and will impact on the outcomes for their qualifications in the summer of 2026. This in turn has an impact on their future career and earning potential.

See below the offer open to Year 11 pupils during this phase.

<u>TUESDAY INTERVENTION</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY INTERVENTION</u>	<u>FRIDAY INTERVENTION</u>
Media - Mrs Jones - 107	Business - Mrs Gray - 206	Art - Mrs Bingham - 112
IT - Mr David / Mrs Howells - CADCAM	IT - Mr David / Mrs Howells - CADCAM	Food - Mrs Savigar- 105
Science - Miss Boboska - 214	Science - Miss Cullis - 114	
HSC/CC - Mrs Coley - CADCAM	HSC/CC - Mrs Coley - CADCAM (EPA)	
History - Mrs Owen - 303	History - Miss Kapoor - 201	
Statistics - Mr Wythe - 21 1	Maths Higher Paper Society - 205	
Sport - Mr Parsons - 110 (RC)	Maths - Mr Hill -213	
Geography - Miss Kapoor - 201	Maths - Mrs Watkins - 210	
Design Technology- Miss Davenport- 117	English - Mrs Shabir - 314	
Maths - Mr Phillips - 205a	English - Mrs Hayward - 312	
Maths Paper Society - 205	English - Ms Bradbury & Mrs Dorsett - 311	



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Twilight Coursework Session

On Wednesday 5th November the academy is closing at 12.40pm to enable teachers to complete valuable moderation of examination papers and ensure standardisation and validity of the results our pupils receive for their mock results on Monday 24th November.

Pupils who require urgent attention in coursework subjects such as Art, Childcare, Design & Technology, ICT, Media, Health & Social Care will be requested to stay to spend some extended time with their teachers on their coursework adaptations on this day.

This session will be 12.50pm - 4.50pm. As a well done to the pupils on this day for staying at the academy for this Twilight session the academy will provide pupils food at both 12.40pm and 4.50pm. Pupils will leave site at 5pm.

Topic Lists and Resources

All Year 10 to 13 pupils have received their examination specifications, lesson resources and access to past papers for all their subjects via an email from Mr Hill (Assistant Headteacher) at the start of the term.

This has also been shared with them in personal development time. Please ask your child about their topic lists; these have been produced to help support them with their exam preparations.

Home Learning Update

Homework plays a vital role in consolidating classroom learning, building independence, and developing time management skills. Each week, pupils will receive purposeful home learning tasks tailored to their year group and curriculum goals.

Following consultation with parents (via Parent Forum) and staff, we have introduced the following structure:

- All subjects will set one home learning task per week with clear and reasonable deadlines.
- Time expectations per subject:
 - Key Stage 3 (Years 7—9): Core (English, Mathematics, Science) — 30 minutes; all other subjects — 20 minutes
 - Key Stage 4 (Years 10-11): Core (English, Mathematics, Science) — 60 minutes; all other subjects -40 minutes
 - Key Stage 5 (Years 12—13): 5 hours per subject
- All tasks will focus on knowledge and retention, directly linked to the curriculum.
- Several subjects use home learning platforms which tailor tasks to pupils. After feedback from parents this year this includes GCSE pod which will be especially used in English and Humanities.
- Pupils will record homework in their planners, and all tasks (including deadlines and submissions) will also be visible via ClassCharts.



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- To further support pupils, we will run a fully staffed Home Learning Club from Monday to Thursday in the ICT Suite 110/11 1, where pupils can access ICT facilities and additional guidance.
- Over the coming year we will also be developing our Pupil Share Point which will provide essential resources to support pupils learn at home.

GCSEPod

In our year of promoting independence Wednesfield Academy is relaunching GCSEPod, the awardwinning revision website used by schools across the country.

Pupils in year 10 and 1 1 will be able to access GCSEPod's excellent resources for home learning as well as independent revision.

GCSEPod has:

- 30+ subjects covering all examination boards.
- Pod videos delivering key information in 3-5 minutes.
- Check and Challenge self-marking quizzes.
- Personalised playlists to make revision more effective and manageable.
- Studies have shown regular users achieve on average 1.5 grades higher than non-users.

How You Can Help at Home

- Regularly check ClassCharts to see what homework has been set.
- Encourage a consistent routine and positive approach to homework.
- Provide a quiet, distraction-free space for study at home.
- Provide the equipment they need (pens, paper, pencils etc).
- Review completed work, offering encouragement and guidance.
- Remind your child that Home Learning Club is available if they need additional support.

Please contact us if:

- Your child is struggling or overwhelmed
- The work does not feel challenging enough
- If you have not got access to the internet or equipment
- You are experiencing difficulties accessing ClassCharts
- You have concerns about the amount of homework, whether that be that you feel it is too little or too much.

We know that every child learns differently, and our staff are committed to offering the right support at the right time. Thank you for your continued partnership in helping our pupils become confident, independent learners



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Other Key Dates

- Phase 2 Period 6: 3rd November — 28th November
- Mock 1 Results Day & Parents Evening— 4th December
- Phase 3 Period 6: 1st December - 20th February
- Second Mock Exams Start— 23rd February
- Year 11 Parents Information Evening- 26th March
- Mock 2 Results Day — 27th March (sent to parents on the same day)
- Final Summer Exams start on 1st May and finish on 23rd June. To pupil and maintain their studies pupils will remain in school until their final exam. Where possible we will adapt timetables to suit the needs of pupils.
- Phase 4 Period 6: 13th April— 1st May
- Prom Date - 26th June Results Day - on Thursday 20th August 2025.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us via post-box o postbox@wednesfieldacademy.co.uk FAO of Mr Hill (Assistant Headteacher) or by calling the school on 01902 558222.

Yours faithfully,



Mr Phillips
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