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Guide to Year 11 2025-2026

**The most important year of their lives -
the future belongs to those who act now.**

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This Year 11 Guide is to help parents/carers to support their child so they can succeed in their GCSEs and other qualifications. Here are some steps to success that we know through experience give your child the best chance of achieving the results they want:

1 ATTEND SCHOOL

We need your support in helping our Year 11 students commit to their success by striving to attend every day.

We know that those students with 95% attendance and above are more likely to gain five 9-5 grades at GCSE! This will give your child more choices post-16.

#ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Missing just one day of school can be the difference between grades in Year 11 due to the sheer volume of work covered in a day. There are also lots of revision and enrichment opportunities for students if they attend school.

On average students who attend our revision offer improve on their mock grades by 2 grades!

Find out more about our revision offering for your child on page 5.

**TAKE
PART IN
REVISION**

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3 PLAN AHEAD

Planning is essential for success!

Keep up to date with key dates such as assessment windows, mock exams and parents' evenings. We'll keep in touch with you so you're always in the loop!



Year 11 Key Dates

This is a big year for Year 11, and it's easy to feel overwhelmed and daunted at the prospect of what lies ahead.

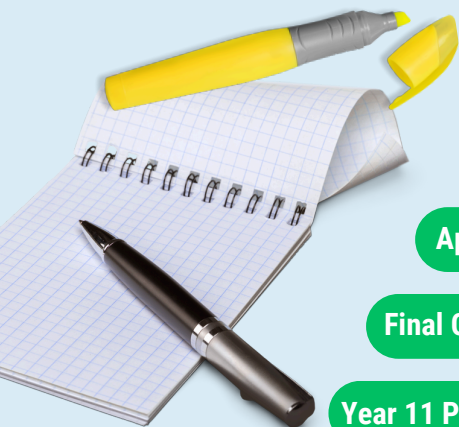
Therefore, organisation is key! Below are some of the key dates to help you and your child to plan to succeed:



Mock Exams - 10th - 21st November 2025

Sept - Dec 2025: BTEC Component 2 Assignment Window

Parents'/Carers' Evening - 11th December 2025



Mock Exams - 2nd - 13th March 2026

Parents'/Carers' Evening - 26th March 2026

April 2026 - NCFE Assignment Completion Deadline

Final GCSE and other examinations - May-June 2026

Year 11 Prom - 3rd July 2026





Morning Revision Club

Runs every day, all year from 8am. Students can drop in and receive a free breakfast in a quiet space to revise. During mock exam windows, students will have compulsory morning revision sessions starting by 8am at the latest.



Period 6 3pm-4pm

Compulsory sessions for all students which take place all year round.

Monday - Maths

Tuesday - English

Wednesday - Science

Thursday - History or Geography one week and Spanish or Options the other week

Friday - no Period 6

Super Saturdays and Sundays

Take place in the lead up to mock exams and real exams to help students with final preparations for success.



Half Term Revision

Revision sessions will run during the February half-term, the Easter break and the May half-term. Sessions are open to all but students will be targeted for specific sessions.

**THINK IT.
WANT IT.
GET IT**



HELPING YOUR CHILD WITH REVISION



1

REVISING EARLY

Starting early can help students avoid panic and stress, it can help them to get into good habits and they will be able to remember more of the material. Check in with them and their progress.



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A revision spot with good lighting, the right stationary and no distractions such as the television or their mobile phone can help a child focus a lot more. Children focus best when the environment is quiet and tidy.

MORE THAN READ

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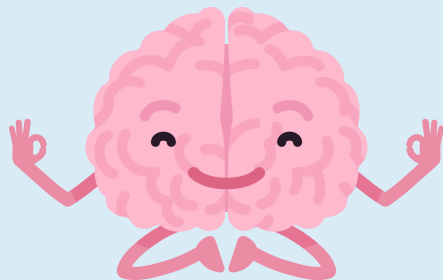
Students will only remember around 10% of what they read. Help them by testing them and getting your child to create mind maps and flashcards. When children summarise key points from their revision book in their own words, it can help them retain a lot more of the information.





At Salford City Academy, we want to support your child's wellbeing at a time that can be intense and stressful.

It's important that alongside revision our students make time to socialise and relax.



We will support your child every step of the way and help them to take care of themselves during this busy time.

If you or your child are worried or concerned about anything you can talk to any member of staff..

Your child's wellbeing is really important to us. Get in touch with us if you feel your child needs additional support.

Ms Jones
Designated Safeguarding Lead

Take care OF YOURSELF

SCA.concerns@salfordcity-academy.org is completely **confidential**. Whether you have a concern about something in school, at home or online, you can get in touch and get support.



Salford City Colleges

Xaverian College



For Level 3 vocational courses, students are required to have at least 5 GCSEs at grade 4-9, including English and Maths.

September

Colleges will visit SCA in assemblies.

October

Open Days commence and applications are open.

November

College Taster Days start.

December

College application deadline.

January

College interviews begin.

February

College interviews continue.

March

You will start to receive decisions from colleges.

April

If successful you will be invited to a course consultation

May

Exams begin.

June

Exams finish. 'New student days' start.

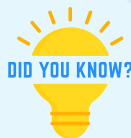
July

'New student days' continue.

August

GCSE Results Day. Enrolment appointments will be sent out.

To access A level courses students will need to achieve at least a Grade 6 in the subjects they wish to study. Apprenticeship providers will expect a minimum of Grade 5s, including English and Maths.



Miss Gilson is available for students to speak to about their next steps after SCA.

Miss Gilson
Careers Lead

