November 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to you to let you know about the arrangements for the Year 11 autumn mock examinations this year. Exam timetables are on Firefly or on the school website (link can be found below). It is a good idea to print a copy and display it prominently at home so that you know the times and dates of all the exams. Students must be on time and in full school uniform for all exams.

Timetable link - https://www.friern.barnet.sch.uk/assets/Documents/Attachments/Y11-November-2026-Mock-Timetable-1.pdf

Written exams start on Monday 16 November 2026. They last until Friday 27 November. This will be quite a busy time for students. To help them prepare for their exams teachers have provided revision material on Firefly. On most days there is a core exam that starts at 8.45am. When students have finished their exams each day, they should leave school and revise at home. Many students will also have an exam at 11.25am and 1.45pm in which case they will stay in school. All afternoon exams start at 1.45pm and will finish after the normal end of the school day. Friday 27 November is the last day of the exams.

If you would like your son or daughter to stay in school during the mock exams please let us know. We will have supervised rooms for revision during the day.

Students will resume normal lessons on Monday 30 November. This will give students three weeks of school before the Christmas holidays. It also gives staff time to mark papers so that results are ready for the start of the new term in January. There will be a yr11 parents' evening on Thursday 14 January 2027.

Exams can be quite stressful for students. I hope the arrangements we have put in place will help them revise, practise retrieving information from memory and prepare for the GCSEs next summer. There is no substitute for hard work, discipline and organisation at this stage. Students should have a revision timetable and should be revising every day. They should also have all the appropriate equipment for their exams; these are not provided by the school.

Please let me know of any concerns you have. In the meantime, please support your son or daughter by feeding them well, encouraging them, ensuring they have a quiet place to work and that they factor in rest breaks whilst revising.

Yours faithfully

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