



January 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 Raising Achievement and Trial Exam Results

We hope you had a lovely Christmas break and that both you and your child/ren managed to get some rest following the period of trial examinations. We have enjoyed welcoming Year 11 back this week and they have begun this term with the fantastic engagement and focus that we have come to expect from them.

On Monday afternoon Year 11 students will receive their results from the trial examinations that took place before Christmas. This event is a significant date in our raising achievement calendar; students should not see it just as receiving their results, but as an important opportunity to reflect upon those results and set some targets for themselves moving forward.

The last lesson on Monday is a reflective session where students will receive both their trial examination results and their predicted grades. Teachers have based the predicted grades on the trial examinations and the work students have been producing in class. Predicted grades are grades which are forecast by teachers based on the evidence they have at the time; they are subject to change throughout the year, in either direction. Please note that trial examinations, in the main, did not make up the whole of the specification and therefore on occasions the predicted grade may be the same or lower than the trial examination; this is most often the case when the trial examination made up a much narrower portion of the specification than in the summer examinations.

It is important that students see these predicted grades as a starting point and that it is their own commitment, work ethic and study habits that could lead to grades that are better than these predictions. If there are predicted grades that you or they are concerned about, please do contact the subject teacher for discussion via the admin email address, so that both you and your child can be clear about how they can progress and improve. If you are concerned about a number of your child's predicted grades, please contact Mrs Gee.

On Thursday 16 January we are holding our Raising Achievement Evening, which is a chance for all parents to understand the demands of the examination papers in their child's subjects. You will be able to attend up to 5 subject presentations over the course of the evening. The schedule is here: [Year 11 Raising Achievement Evening Sessions 2025](#) and you can select the subjects you wish to attend via this form [booking form](#). Please complete this by Monday 13 January. Please note that this is an event for parents only, students are not required to attend.

On Thursday 30 January there is a targeted Parent Consultation Evening. If we would like to see you and your child to discuss their progress, you will be contacted via email and asked to book a twenty minute slot on the usual system. This meeting will be with a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

In our reflective sessions on Monday afternoon, we will be asking all students to set themselves three targets for this half term which are specific to them. These targets will be shared with you in the hope that you can support them in meeting them. We will also be sharing our expectation that students complete at least two hours of home-learning and revision each day. Here you will find the lunchtime and after school revision sessions programme: [Year 11 Open Revision Sessions 2025](#). Subject teachers will also identify students who will benefit from additional support with coursework (NEA) or specific areas of their revision; these students will shortly receive an invitation to a separate session.

We would encourage all students to attend at least one session per day, making up half of the revision time we recommend per day. This programme is subject to change where subjects add sessions as we go through the term, but this is a good starting point for discussion with your child regarding what extra sessions they might choose to go to based on their predicted grades.

In addition to our school offering, Herts for Learning offer sessions with subject specialists, details of which can be found below:

[HfL Maths revision workshops](#)

[HfL English Literature revision workshops](#)

[HfL Science revision workshops](#)

Session 6, our silent supervised study session, is now back running Monday to Thursday, 3.20-4.20pm in the LRC. All subject specific open sessions begin the week commencing Monday 13 January. We look forward to seeing your child at these sessions.

Yours sincerely



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