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Dear Year 11 Parents & Carers,

RE: Year 11 NEAs, Mock Assessments & GCSE Exams

As we are at the beginning of a very important year for our Year 11 students we are writing to update you regarding our programme of NEAs, Mock Assessments and GCSE exams which will take place throughout the year. Specific details, including exam timetables, will be shared with students and parents/carers in due course prior to each set of assessments.

NEAs

Non-Examined Assessments (i.e. coursework) forms part of the requirements for a range of GCSE subjects. The specific timings and requirements will be shared with students in their subject lessons. We would like to emphasise that it is not acceptable for any Artificial Intelligence platforms (i.e. ChatGPT or similar) be used in the production of such work. Please be aware that before any assignments are submitted to an exam board, school staff will routinely check the work using software used to detect plagiarism and A.I. content.

Autumn Term

One day of mock assessments will take place on **Friday 25th October**. Though on the school calendar this is an INSET day, all Year 11 students will be required in school. Using INSET days for mock assessments reduces the pressure during our full mock assessment weeks, and also reduces the loss of lesson time.

Full November mocks will then take place the week beginning **Monday 18th November**.

Spring Term

February mocks will take place the week beginning **Monday 24th February**. Please note that Monday 24th February is an INSET day, however Year 11 will again be required in school to complete mock assessments from this day onwards.

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Summer GCSEs

The summer GCSE exam season is due to begin on **Thursday 8th May** and will continue until Wednesday 18th June. Please note that all Year 11 students will be required to remain in school full time during their GCSE exams up until Friday 23rd May. Study leave will only begin after May Half Term on Monday 2nd June. When not sitting an exam students will be supported in lessons with revision for upcoming assessments.

In every summer exam season there are contingency days; these are spare days in the exam schedule which can be used to re-schedule exams at short notice in extenuating circumstances. The final contingency day will be **Wednesday 25th June**. As such if you are planning any early holidays, please ensure students are still available to come into school up to and including this date.

Results Day 2025

GCSE Results Day is **Thursday 21st August 2025**. It is advisable that wherever possible students are available to collect their results in person. Urmston Grammar Sixth Form enrolment will also take place on this day.

We strongly believe our programme of mock assessments play a big part in setting up students for success their summer GCSE exams. As such, supporting your son/daughter to fully prepare for each of these assessments is very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Two handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature is 'R Wall' and the second is 'T Kennedy-Fowler'. A long, thin horizontal line is drawn below the first signature.

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