



Urmston Grammar School

Dear Year 11 Parents & Carers,

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.

Throughout the academic year students will have the opportunity to attend additional academic sessions to help support their progress across their subjects, this is also supplemented with a broad range of support around effective studying across their subjects. To help support parents and carers, we will also share these resources with yourselves throughout the year.

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. Students who are completing subjects which involve Non-Examined Assessment will be given specific information on the individual subject deadlines.

Autumn Term

The first round of Year 11 Mocks will take place the week beginning **Monday 17th November**. Prior to this, students will be informed of the Mock exam timetable, so they can prepare for these exams which will replicate the final GCSE exams as much as possible. At the end of this term you will receive an academic progress update for your son/daughter.

Spring Term

February mocks will take place the week beginning **Monday 23rd February**. Please note that Monday 23rd February is an INSET day, however Year 11 will be required in school to complete mock assessments from this day onwards. At the end of this term you will receive an academic progress report for your son/daughter.

Summer GCSEs

The summer GCSE exam season is due to begin on **Thursday 7th May** and will continue until Thursday 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 22nd May. Study leave will only begin after May Half Term on Monday 1st June. When not sitting an exam, students will be supported in lessons with revision for upcoming assessments.



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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 24th 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 2026

GCSE Results Day is **Thursday 20th August 2026**. 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'J Regan'.

Mr J Regan
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