

9<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Dear Families of the new Year 11,

Today, students received their Trial Exam results from the June exams which have been standardised, internally and externally moderated - these are available on your My Child at School App (MCAS). I could not have been prouder of the way the students reflected on and responded to their results ready for the year-long journey towards their GCSEs and beyond. Our Head of 6<sup>th</sup> Form Mr Carter is holding post-16 workshops with Year 11 students this afternoon to start to map out what their futures will look like and there are a series of celebration events next week including Year 11 Sports Day, free ice-cream van and Year 11 rewards afternoon to recognise how well the students have 'stepped up' to Year 11 in the last few weeks.

In tutor sessions this morning the key messages around these first Trial Exams were:

## **Trial Examinations Rationale**

- 1. to become familiar with the procedures, exam hall environment, timings, and exam conditions they will face.
- 2. to practice academic revision and preparation before and specific examination technique during GCSE style examinations.
- 3. For students, families, and teachers to see what students know and make sure we improve skills and knowledge where needed next academic year.

## **Understanding the Process**

The Trial Exam results are a snapshot of progress and current attainment and a starting point of all the intervention which we drive through our RAG meetings over the next 12 months. On Friday students and families will receive a full report (see below) with the predicted grades and attitude to learning.



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## Example Pupil (11A)

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALIT	
Attendance	94.8%
Authorised absences	19
Unauthorised absences	0
Number of late sessions	7

	Grade 6		
GCSE English Literature		Grade 5	Requires Improvement
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GCSE Mathematics	Grade 5	Grade 3	Unsatisfactory
GCSE Combined Science	Grade 6	Grade 4	Good
GCSE History	Grade 6	Grade 6	Outstanding
GCSE French	Grade 6	Grade 3	Unsatisfactory
GCSE Health and Social Care	Level 2 Pass	Level 2 Pass	Requires Improvement
BTEC Level 1/2 Tech Award in Performing Arts	Level 2 Merit	Level 2 Merit	Requires Improvement

Predicted grade is one grade below the target grade. Predicted grade is more than one grade below the target grade

The predicted grades are those that are used in applications and discussions with Lady Lumley's 6<sup>th</sup> Form and other providers. Students will make rapid and significant progress over the next year which will monitored throughout and include more Trial Exams in Year 11 and then with final coursework completion.

## Making the most of opportunities

In tutor sessions students were recognised for their great effort and achievement and were asked to reflect on making the most of all opportunities coming up such as:

- ✓ 100% attendance to every lesson every time with an outstanding attitude to getting better.
- Attending and actively participating in the Supporting Success Evening in September.
- ✓ Homework completed in full, listening carefully to feedback and exam technique and putting it into practice.
- ✓ Starting to cut back on their paid work commitments in Year 11 to focus on school work.
- ✓ Preparing well for the ln next trial exam series in October/ November.
- ✓ Planning their week well with a good balance using the new school planner.
- ✓ Attending Study Plus.
- ✓ 100% completion of online practice (Sparx Maths and Science), GCSE Pod, Language Nut and other online provision).



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Thank you for your ongoing support for your child leading into this crucial year of their education. I will be contact in September around the details of the *first Supporting Success Evening* of next academic year and please note that Year 11 students return to school for their big launch on **TUESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER.** 

Yours faithfully

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