



Boroughbridge High School

16th April 2026

Dear Year 11 Parent/Carer,

Headteacher's Update - Our raising achievement strategies for Year 11

As we outlined at the beginning of the year, our key aim is to support our Year 11 students to gain the highest possible GCSE and BTEC grades and to guide them to make ambitious choices for the next stage of their educational journey. We understand the value of working together with parents and carers in the best interests of our students and have appreciated your support throughout the time that your child has been at Boroughbridge High School.

With the second series of Progress Exams now completed, I just wanted to share with you information about the strategies that are in place to support our students in the lead up to the Summer exams along with giving you the information that you need to support your child at home.

Progress exams and tracking

You will receive the next tracking data on **Wednesday 22nd April**. Along with your child's predicted grade, it will also include the grade that your child achieved in the Progress exam.

This tracking will help to support students in understanding how effective their revision has been and what they may need to change before the Summer Exam series.

Our revision strategy

In **lessons**, subject teachers use retrieval activities to help students to build their knowledge over time. Students are aware that these approaches can also be used for independent revision. Teachers are also talking about revision approaches and how they can be successfully applied to their subject.

Currently during **form time**, Year 11 students are carrying out revision prepared by Heads of Department in Maths, English and Science and, in a further form time, are looking at general revision techniques.

All students have received a **'How to revise' book** which, along with revision techniques, has subject specific information and a planner to create a revision timetable.

Intervention sessions

You will have received the letter regarding intervention/revision sessions. These enable students to get further support and will be tailored to the needs of the students in attendance. Please encourage your child to attend.

The timetable is outlined below. (A is for all students who study this subject)

Day/ session	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime	GCSE PE (A) English Literature (Those predicted a grade 5 or above)	Business (A) RE (Informal Drop-In) (A)	RE (1,4 & 6 Mark Support) (A) MFL (A)	Science (A and Invited) Geography (A) History (Those predicted to up to a grade 5) RE (Informal Drop-In) (A)	History (Those predicted a grade 6 or above) RE (Informal Drop-In) (A)
Afterschool	Maths (A)	English (Invited only)		RE (Paper 2) (A) English Language (A) Open revision for all year 10/11 supported by TGW	English "Telling Tales" Literature (A)

Study Leave

A reminder that we do not give students Study Leave for their Summer Exams. We feel that, at this critical time, we cannot give our students the support with revision and preparation for exams if they are not with us in school where they can access subject specialist input from their teachers. We started this approach in 2025, having analysed our 2024 data which showed that those students who were in school and benefiting from their teachers' input did better than those who weren't and you will be aware that we saw the positive impact in our improved 2025 results. This approach is also in line with the majority of outstanding schools that we have visited as part of our work with the DfE Behaviour Hub programme. In order to ensure that this time is maximised, we will be rewriting the timetable where possible so that students get focused support from subject teachers before their exams.

Revision Guide for Parents and Carers

You received a Revision Guide before the first series of Progress Exams. This includes information about what is on each paper for each subject and how students can revise for it. We have attached another copy for easy reference.

Summer exams

The exam period runs from 7th May 2026 to 17th June 2026, with a contingency day on 24th June 2026. (The contingency day will be used should sustained national or significant local disruption arise during the June 2026 examination series.) Your child's exam timetable can now be downloaded from My Child at School.

The Prom

The Year 11 Prom will be held on Thursday 18th June 2026. Further details about this will follow.

Other areas which will support success

Attendance

Students learn most productively when they are in the classroom and our GCSE/BTEC analysis from exams last year clearly shows that students whose attendance was high significantly outperformed those with lower attendance. This is particularly critical over the coming months as students complete specifications and work on exam technique.

Paid work

We appreciate that carrying out some paid work is beneficial to students not only financially but also in helping them to experience the world of work and develop their skills. However, it's important that they plan their time so that they have sufficient time to complete their school work. They may also consider reducing their hours in the lead up to the Summer exams. The government guidelines on child employment can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/child-employment/restrictions-on-child-employment>

Looking to the future – support for Post-16 choices

We are continuing to support students to be ambitious about their future destinations. Mrs. Mannion, our Careers Adviser, will continue to work with our Year 11 students in the coming weeks to support them in identifying the post-16 destination most appropriate for them.

Mrs. Mannion can also be contacted on emannion@boroughbridgehigh.com. Please note, however, that she works at BHS on Careers for one day per week and so will get back to you as soon as possible.

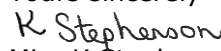
If you have a question or query

Please contact us if you have any questions or queries. If you have any subject specific questions, then please contact your child's teacher. E-mail addresses are the teacher's initial followed by second name @boroughbridgehigh.com. Alternatively, you can e-mail schooladmin@boroughbridgehigh.com and your e-mail will be passed on to the relevant member of staff.

If you have more general enquiries or feel that your child would benefit from further pastoral support then please e-mail Mrs. Bradford (Pastoral Manager for Year 11) at fbradford@boroughbridgehigh.com.

Thank you for your ongoing support. We look forward to working with you to maximise the final few months of your child's education at Boroughbridge High School.

Yours sincerely


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