



Wildern School

Welcome to Year 11

The Journey Ahead:

**Navigating the GCSE year and
making the most of the last
year at Wildern**

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Every Student Matters, Every Moment Counts.



#TeamYear11

11A1 Mr Smith	11D1 Mrs Miller Mrs Drayton	11J1 Mrs Meffen Mrs Ritzema	11P1 Ms Mullen	11S1 Mr Potter
11A2 Mrs Lynch Mrs Ashton	11D2 Miss Saunders	11J2 Miss Wells Mrs Ritzema	11P2 Ms McAllister Mrs Palmer	11S2 Miss Gant
		11J3 Mr Hodgson	11P3 Mrs Buckler Ms Langford	



Every **Moment** Counts

26	School days until practice exams
60	School days until Christmas hols
135	School days until first exam
108	Non-School days until first exam



Key Milestones & Exam Dates

Nov – Dec 2026

Practice Exams: Full formal exams in all GCSE subjects under strict exam conditions.

BP & PS college application deadline.

Mar – April 2027

Results & interventions: ESPs and subject masterclasses in all subjects.

Easter Revision: Sessions held in first week of holiday.

Jan - Feb 2027

Results & interventions: ESPs and subject masterclasses.

Practice Exams: Core focus exams to identify gaps and refine timing.

Post-16 application deadline.

May – June 2027

Summer GCSE Exams: Official national exams, bespoke Seminar timetable, May Half Term revision, Leavers assembly & Prom.

Results Day: 19th August '27



Year 11: It's a **marathon** not a sprint

- Nutrition
- Equipment
- Training Plan
- Pacing yourself
- Rest is part of the plan!





Study Habit Impact on Grades

Consistent Daily Revision (45m+)

92% Achieving Target / Above

Attending After-School Clubs

84% Target Achievement

Weekend-Only Study Sessions

61% Target Achievement

Pre-Exam Cramming Alone

38% Target Achievement

Progress tracking shows that regular distributed daily study of 45-60 minutes outperforms last-minute cramming by more than double.



Attendance drives outcomes

Attendance Matters - be present!

- Physically & mentally
- 96% attendance = 2 grades better vs
- 85% attendance = 2 grades worse
- If your child isn't in school, their chances of progress reduces
 - If they are off ill, support the recovery
 - Holidays will not be authorised
 - Very exceptional leave only

96%

Minimum Expected Attendance

Behaviours for Learning - Positive behaviours allow all to learn

- Feeling worried about exams is normal, nerves are natural



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Wellbeing at Wildern

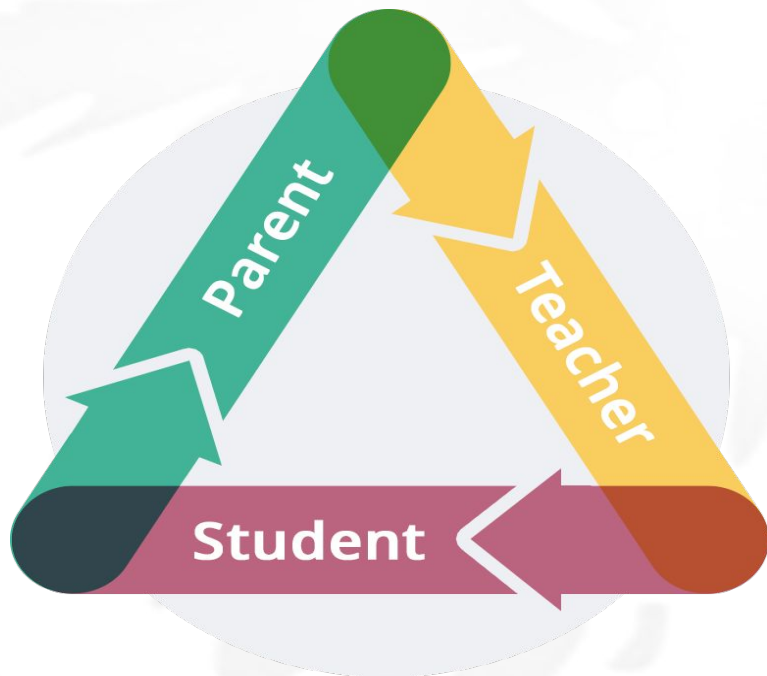
- Tutor
 - School Counsellor (Monica)
 - School Nurse Team Drop ins
 - KCC Mentoring
 - ELSA
 - Student Services Catch ups
 - Fun Fridays
 - Wellbeing Garden
- #Talk2Us
 - My Wildern Suggestions
 - Co-Curricular Activities



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The Triangle of Team!



**"Behind every
successful student is an
unwavering triangle of
support: the child's
dedication, the school's
expertise, and the
family's
encouragement."**



Education for Life

- Study Skills
- Revision Support
- 'The teenage brain'
- Careers
- College Information
- Relationships + Wellbeing
- Citizenship
- Living in the wider world



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What we do to support students throughout Year 11

- ★ Great lessons covering the content required
- ★ Revision resources including lots of practice papers/questions
- ★ Practice exams - tighter than the real thing but do give the intensity that some can experience in May/June
- ★ Feedback - throughout - practice exams are rigorously marked and moderated so they are accurate and therefore there will be a fortnight's delay after exams before getting this
- ★ Exam Support Programme (ESPs)
- ★ Lots of focus on exam technique
- ★ LRC available until 5pm (4pm on Thursdays)
- ★ Bespoke Seminar timetable
- ★ Holiday revision school (Easter & May)



What Year 11 can do

- ★ Be in school
- ★ Attend all lessons
- ★ Be punctual
- ★ Complete self study
- ★ Be switched on and aware of deadlines
- ★ Always work to the best standard they can - don't give half measures or "it'll do"
- ★ Get enough sleep
- ★ Accept all help offered!
- ★ Face every challenge - don't try to hide away
- ★ Be selfish, think about your outcomes
- ★ Ask for help or advice
- ★ Seek out the answers
- ★ Use AI to support/guide



What we do to support parents throughout Year 11

- ★ Parent info evening
- ★ Parent handbook
- ★ Year 11 curriculum handbook - lots in here with links for revision materials and info about the courses
- ★ Year 11 parents monthly newsletter - look out for this
- ★ Exam booklook to outline everything about the exams including the dos and don'ts!
- ★ Two parents evenings (8th October and 11th March) - book in these dates now!
- ★ WAD data with professional predictions to give you an idea of what they are likely to get and exam results
- ★ Wildern weekly updates & communications
- ★ Always on the other end of the phone - just contact us!



Core Subjects & Benchmarks

📖 English Language & Literature

Key Benchmark: Grade 4 is a standard pass; Grade 5 is a strong pass required by top sixth forms.

Exam Structure: 100% examination covering unseen non-fiction and analytical essay writing.

Weekly Focus: Regular timed 45-minute responses to master speed and high-level vocabulary.

📊 Mathematics & Science

Tier Decisions: Higher Tier (Grades 9–4) vs. Foundation Tier (Grades 5–1) finalised after Nov exams.

Formula & recall: Daily memorisation of key scientific formulae and multi-step method mastery.

Equipment Essential: Approved scientific calculator and geometrical sets required in every lesson.

Key information on *all subjects* is in the Year 11 Curriculum Parent Handbook



How you can support your child at home

- ★ Ensure your child is in school everyday
- ★ Know what NEA deadlines are and check they are working towards these
- ★ Do you see them working on all subjects?
- ★ Encourage them to use revision materials
- ★ Keep an eye out on what they are revising - is there a subject they are avoiding?
- ★ Tough love discipline needed - screen time and device boundaries
- ★ Practice, practice, practice
- ★ Create suitable workspace at home away from distractions where possible
- ★ Display revision / exam timetables in a prominent family area (e.g., kitchen fridge) to monitor consistency together.
- ★ Ask your child to "teach" you what they revised today. Explaining a topic out loud is one of the most powerful retention techniques.
- ★ Praise effort over outcomes!



Lessons Learnt From Previous Years

**PRACTICE
MAKES
PERMANENT.**

- Practice makes permanent - it's how you get better at something
- Attitude is everything – focus, be prepared, ask for help/guidance
- Students may feel tired, under pressure, confused, worried about not achieving - all are normal feelings
- Hard work does pay off : self-study, regular revision, holiday revision school, ESPs
- Practice exams are important : chance to try out revision strategies
- Revision is about reinforcement, driving new ideas into long term memory
- Students need support to start revising - Year 11 Newsletter will have tips



Using AI and Social Media



TikTok & Instagram

Pros: Lots out there with tips and tricks

Cons: Need to check exam board & specification,
Don't know what qualifications or exam experience influencer has,

Always: Treat like all news stories
- question accuracy/validity



Websites

Pros: Lots out there with different styles of content

Cons: Need to check exam board & specification

Always: Check with class teacher if suitable for our exam courses



AI

Pros: Can be powerful having a personalised 'tutor' at home.

Use to ask to for feedback according to exam board spec and how to better exam responses.

Cons: Only as good as the commands entered. Doesn't always grade accurately.
Not helpful if just giving answers

Always: Read feedback AI gives and put into practice



Year 11 Monthly Parent Newsletter

High-Impact Study Strategies



Retrieval Practice

Self-quizzing, flashcards (Leitner system), and brain dumps. Testing knowledge from memory creates durable recall far superior to passive re-reading.



Spaced Practice

Studying topics in shorter 20-minute blocks over several weeks rather than cramming one subject for an entire weekend before an assessment.



Exam Paper Practice

Using real past mark schemes and examiner reports. Learning how examiners award marks turns grade 5 answers into grade 7+ responses.