

Message from Mr Daniels, Principal:

As we move into the final two weeks of this half term it definitely feels more autumnal and this is also reflected in our next community project around Harvest Festival. Our role within the community is a key part of who we are and we strive to find ways to support and work alongside the local area. If you have any ideas for how we can strengthen this work and provide our students with further opportunities to play an active community role, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Key events next week

- **Wednesday:** Year 7 History Enrichment Opportunity: live broadcast marking the 960th anniversary of the Battle of Hastings
- **Thursday:** Year 7 & 8 Space VR workshop

Upcoming Events:

- **Monday 26 October to Friday 6 November:** Half Term Holiday (2 weeks)
- **Monday 9 November to Friday 21 November:** Year 11 Mock Exams

Key Messages:

- **Start of the Day:** The start of our school day is at 8.45am. At this time doors will be opened and students are permitted to enter the building. This ensures that they have 5 minutes to make their way to form time which starts at 9.50am. It is important for supervision and safeguarding that students are not entering the building before this time when adequate and appropriate supervision of students is in place.
- **Students leaving school site during the day:** In order to ensure the safety of our young people, any student who needs to leave the during the Academy day must be collected.
- **ORA Community Moment - Harvest Festival:** As part of our October ORA Community Moment, next week we will be supporting the local Dengie Food Pantry through our Harvest Festival collection. We are inviting students to bring in donations to help this important community charity support local families in need. Students should bring their donations to tutor time. Suitable donations include tinned foods, packet and dried goods, toiletries and Christmas food and gift items. Donations will be gratefully received and used to support families within our local community. Thank you for your generosity and support in helping us make a positive difference to others.
- **Progress Reports & Assessments:** Following a variety of issues at the end of the last academic year, parents & carers of students in Year 8-11 were not provided with as much information on student progress and how they were working in lessons as we would have wanted you to have. We are keen that we rectify this and accordingly we have put together the following programme to keep you informed about the progress your child is making. A copy of our Examinations Calendar is also included below for your information.

Year 7, Year 8 & Year 9

October 2026 - Settling In Report

February 2027 - Progress Report based on assessments and comments based on work in lessons

July 2027 - Progress Report based on assessments and comments based on work in lessons

Year 10

October 2026 - Settling In Report

February 2027 - Progress Report based on teacher assessments and comments based on work in lessons

July 2027 - Progress Report based on mock exams and comments based on work in lessons

Year 11

October 2026 - Current working grade, projected grade.

December 2026 - Current working grade (based on mock examinations) and projected grade

March 2027 - Current working grade (based on mock examinations) and projected grade

Examinations Calendar

Below is the full list of examinations taking place throughout the 26-27 academic year. Where applicable results will be available on Arbor for parents, carers and students. A personalised timetable will be handed out to students prior to PPE, GCSE, AS and A level examinations.



YEAR GROUP	EXAM TYPE	w/c DATE	RESULTS	FURTHER INFO
7-10	NGRT Assessments	7 Sept 2026	21 Sept 2026	Reading assessments
7 & 9	PASS Assessments	12 Oct 2026	TBC	Pupil Attitudes to Self and School
11	Mock Examinations	9 Nov 2026	30 Nov 2026	Autumn mocks
12	GCSE Resit Examinations	9 Nov 2026	TBC	External GCSE resits
13	Mock Examinations	16 Nov 2026	14 Dec 2026	Autumn mocks
12	Mock Examinations	23 Nov 2026	TBC	Subjects with examinations in Year 12
7-9	Internal Assessments	11 Jan 2027	8 Feb 2027	Spring assessments
12	External Examinations	11 Jan 2027	TBC	External examinations
13	Mock Examinations	8 Feb 2027	22 Mar 2027	Spring mocks
11 & 13	Mock Examinations	22 Feb 2027	22 Mar 2027	Spring mocks
10	Mock Examinations	19 Apr 2027	10 May 2027	Internal mocks
11 & 13	External Examinations	10 May 2027	August 2027	GCSE and A Level examinations
7-9	NGRT Assessments	14 Jun 2027	TBC	Reading assessments
7-9	Internal Assessments	14 Jun 2027	5 Jul 2027	Summer assessments
12	Mock Examinations	14 Jun 2027	12 Jul 2027	Summer mocks
10	PASS Assessments	5 Jul 2027	TBC	Pupil Attitudes to Self and School

In addition to the above vocational examinations will also take place at different points in the year. Subject leads will make all pupils aware once assessment windows have been confirmed

PARENTS EVENINGS	DATE	REPORTS	Week Commencing
Year 7	Thursday 6 May 2027	Years 7-13 - Settling-in (ACE Values)	12 October 2026
Year 8	Thursday 18 March 2027	Year 7	26 April 2027
Year 9 (Options)	Thursday 4 February 2027	Year 8	8 March 2027
Year 10	Thursday 21 January 2027	Year 9	1 February 2027
Year 11 - Evening 1	Thursday 10 December 2026	Year 10	24 May 2027
Year 11 - Evening 2	Thursday 15 April 2027	Year 11	22 March 2027
Year 12 & 13	Thursday 7 January 2027	Year 12	19 July 2027
		Year 13	4 January 2027