



JPB/CMA

21 October 2026

Dear Parents/Carers and Year 11 Students,

Year 11 Mock Examinations - November 2026

As we move further into this important GCSE year, we would like to let you know about our upcoming Year 11 Autumn Mock Examination period, which will take place from **9 November to 20 November 2026**. The examination timetable is attached for your reference.

These mock examinations play a valuable role in preparing students for their final GCSEs. They provide an opportunity to experience formal exam conditions, practise the skills needed to succeed, and identify strengths and areas for further development before the summer examinations.

Why are mock exams important?

Mock examinations help students to:

- Become familiar with the format and expectations of GCSE exams.
- Develop confidence in managing exam situations.
- Build resilience and learn how to perform under timed conditions.
- Reflect on their revision techniques and discover what works best for them.
- Gain a clearer understanding of the progress they are making in each subject.

We encourage all students to approach these examinations with a positive mindset and to invest time in preparing thoroughly. The experience gained during this mock series will be invaluable as they move closer to their final examinations.

Exam arrangements

All examinations will take place under formal exam conditions in our designated exam venues. Students who are entitled to Access Arrangements will receive the support outlined in their approved provision.

To help students feel organised and prepared:

- Students will use the same seat for each examination.
- Seating plans will be displayed in advance.
- Essential stationery equipment will be provided.
- Students must bring their own calculator for examinations where one is required and should ensure it is working correctly.

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Following exam regulations

As with all GCSE examinations, mock exams are conducted according to regulations set by the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ). These rules ensure exams are fair and consistent for all candidates. We ask that students familiarise themselves with these expectations and follow all instructions provided by invigilators. Further information for candidates can be found on the school's examinations webpage.

Supporting a calm and successful exam environment

Our invigilators are there to support students throughout the examination process. They will guide students through procedures, provide necessary materials, and help maintain a calm and focused environment that enables everyone to perform at their best.

Students should remember that:

- Mobile phones, smart devices, watches and earbuds must not be brought into the exam room or must be handed in as directed.
- Only water in a clear, unlabelled bottle is permitted.
- Students should enter the exam room quietly and remain under exam conditions until they have left the venue.
- All instructions from invigilators must be followed promptly.

Medical and wellbeing support

If your child requires any medical item or adjustment that has not already been communicated to school, please contact Mrs Markham, Exams Officer, before the examination period begins. Sanitary products will also be available discreetly outside the exam rooms.

Thank you

We greatly appreciate the support you provide at home in helping students prepare for these important assessments. Encouragement, regular revision and good routines can make a significant difference to a student's confidence and performance.

Should you have any questions, please contact us via exams@westcraven.co.uk.

We wish all our Year 11 students every success in their mock examinations. Work hard, stay positive, and remember that these exams are an opportunity to learn, grow and prepare for the future. We are proud of the effort you have shown so far and look forward to seeing what you can achieve.

Yours sincerely,



Mr J Bates
Principal

Year 11 Mock Exams Timetable – November 2026



Week A – 9 to 13 November 2026

	A Mon 09.11.26	A Tue 10.11.26	A Wed 11.11.26	A Thu 12.11.26	A Fri 13.11.26
Reg					
P1	English Language Paper 1 1hr 55m	English Literature Paper 1 1hr 45m	Maths Paper 1 (Non-Calculator) 1hr 30m	Biology 1hr 15m 1hr 45m	Chemistry 1hr 15m 1hr 45m
P2					
P3					
P4	Business Paper 1 1hr 45m	History Paper 1 1hr 20m Geography Paper 1 1hr 30m	Spanish Reading 45m / 60m French Reading 45m / 60m	History Paper 2 55m	Maths Paper 2 (Calculator) 1hr 30m
P5					

Week B – 16 to 20 November 2026

	B Mon 16.11.26	B Tue 17.11.26	B Wed 18.11.26	B Thu 19.11.26	B Fri 20.11.26
Reg					
P1	Physics 1hr 15m 1hr 45m	Health & Fitness 1hr 30m	3D Design	Art 3D Design	Photography 3D Design
P2					
P3					
P4	Hospitality & Catering 1hr 20m	Spanish Writing 1hr 10m / 1hr 15m French Writing 1hr 10m / 1hr 15m	3D Design	Art 3D Design	Photography 3D Design
P5					