

KEY DATES FOR YEAR 11

2017-18

| DATE | WHAT'S HAPPENING? | WHAT DO I NEED TO DO? |
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| AUTUMN TERM 2017 | Progress Checks: Writing of Y11 PCs will commence 2 October | Work to the best of your abilities NOW!! You will receive your first PC shortly before half-term |
| On-going | Further Education Open Evenings – see attached sheet for details | Visit the website, book your place on-line, visit the college, find out about courses, talk to students/tutors and APPLY for courses |
| September & October | Group and one-to-one interviews with Jo Hooke (Careers Adviser) to discuss post-16 options | Attend your Careers interview to ensure you are aware of ALL your options after Year 11 |
| Monday 2 October | Progress Check 1 | Teachers begin writing your first PC to see how you are progressing and what you need to work on |
| Friday 6 October | Y11 Assembly with Mrs Buckley – The Year Ahead | Find out what is going to happen in the year ahead and what support is available to you |
| HALF TERM: 23.10.17 – 27.10.17 | | |
| Monday 30 October | Reference Writing: Mentors will begin writing Year 11 School Leaver References Your reference will be forwarded to Colleges, other 6 th Forms, Training Providers and Employers upon request | REMEMBER... To get the best possible school reference it is up to you to attend every day, be punctual, behave well, get involved and work hard to the best of your abilities |
| Wednesday 1 November | Year 11 Study Skills Evening (6pm-7pm) | Attend with your parents/carers to gain valuable information regarding Year 11 study techniques |
| Saturday 18 November | The Skills Show at the NEC | A one-stop-shop for careers inspiration, bringing jobs and skills to life in a highly interactive environment. And it's free! |
| Monday 20 November | GCSE MOCK EXAMS COMMENCE! <i>See your individual timetable for dates, times and location. End on Wednesday 29 November</i> | REVISE!!! |
| Thursday 30 November | 6 th Form Open Evening (6.30-8.30pm): A chance to see what AS and A-Level courses are available at Finham Park | If you are interested in applying to Finham Park 6 th Form, you should attend this Open Evening. You can talk to teachers and Year 12 and 13 students about the courses on offer |
| Friday 1 December | TRAINING DAY 2 | |
| Thursday 20 December | GCSE MOCK RESULTS DAY | Brace yourselves! |
| CHRISTMAS BREAK: 22.12.17 – 05.01.18 | | |
| Monday 8 December | TRAINING DAY 3 | |
| Tuesday 9 January | Year 11 Report Writing & Progress Check 2: Mentors, subject teachers and College Leaders begin to write your final school report! | Colleges, 6 th Forms, Training Providers and Employers often want to see your final school report with your Year 11 Reference. So work hard and do your best! |
| Thursday 18 January | 6 th Form A-Level Taster Day | Details to follow from Mr. Downie |
| Thursday 8 February | Year 11 Parents' Evening (4-7pm): | A chance for your parents/carers to meet with your subject teachers to discuss your progress |

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| Friday 17 th February | Y11 Study Skills Conference | A whole day dedicated to helping you prepare for your exams! Feel inspired by Mr Motivator and other outside speakers and learn valuable revision techniques. |
| HALF TERM: 19.02.18 – 23.02.18 | | |
| Friday 2 March | Year 11 Year Group Photo | Are you looking good? Fix up, look sharp for this memento of your final year at Finham Park School! |
| Saturday 3 March | What Career & What University Live | An essential event for anyone considering which university to attend after leaving school. Book your free tickets at www.whatcareerlive.co.uk/book-now |
| Monday 5 March | Progress Check 3 – the last one | Seek support from your teachers to boost grades in weaker subjects – keep working as hard as you can! |
| Monday 19 March | GCSE MOCK EXAMS COMMENCE! ENGLISH, SCIENCE & MATHS. See your individual timetable for dates, times and location. | REVISE!!! |
| EASTER BREAK: 30.03.18 – 13.04.18 | | |
| EASTER BREAK | REVISION SUPPORT CLASSES | Small, group support sessions to boost grades Details to follow nearer the time |
| Thursday 3 May | Star-Studded Celebration of Success Evening | Details of venue to follow. Finham Park's annual Awards Evening to recognise excellence in its students' achievements, AtL, Leadership etc. Will YOU get an invitation? |
| Monday 14 May | FINAL GCSE EXAMS COMMENCE: 6 weeks See your individual timetable for dates, times and locations | Keep on top of your revision! Timetables will be issued in March |
| Friday 25 May | Year 11 Leavers' Assembly | Your final assembly all together as a year group. Look back on your time at Finham Park and look forward to your bright futures |
| HALF TERM: 28.05.18 – 01.06.18 | | |
| Monday 4 June | GCSE EXAMS CONTINUE: 4 more weeks | Make sure you spend your time wisely during half-term and do plenty of revision |
| Friday 29 June | GCSE EXAMS END | It's over! Breathe a big sigh of relief and give yourself a pat on the back for working so hard. |
| Thursday 5 July | Year 11 Leavers' Ball | The event of the year... NOT to be missed!!! Anybody who's anybody will be there, so get your fancy frocks and swanky suits ready to CELEBRATE the end of Year 11 in style!!! 😊 |

FAQS

- **What is being done to help me?**

Your College Head is currently looking at your recent Progress Checks and your GCSE predicted grades. If you are at risk of missing your target, they will meet with you during the coming weeks. Initially, this means those of you who are at risk of not achieving 5 grade A* - C GCSE passes (grades 4 – 9) and grade 5 in Maths & English.

- **Why do I need 5 A* - C GCSEs including English and Maths (grades 4 – 9)?**

You need this because this benchmark guarantees students a place on most 6th Form and Level 3 (BTEC National) courses. Please be aware that you need 5 grade A* - C (grade 4 – 9) GCSE passes, including Level 5 in Maths and English, to study A Levels or 4 grade A*- C (grade 4 – 9) including grade 5 in English to study BTEC applied courses at Finham Park 6th Form. Please check college prospectuses and be clear about the entry requirements and ensure you apply for the appropriate level and ensure you have a backup plan (for example apply for Level 2 as well as Level 3). Obviously, for those of you hoping to obtain a place at a top university in 2 years time, this may NOT be enough and you should be aiming as high as possible.

- **What should I be doing in the coming weeks?**

Purchase revision guides, visit revision websites, attend extra study lessons, relevant careers events and open evenings. If you are having any difficulties, speak to your Subject Teacher, Mentor or College Head – that is what we are here for! You can also research on FROG – Classroom- Subject- Careers – JED (this is a careers package you can work through to help with your decision making before your careers interview)

- **What about holidays?**

Make sure you do not book any holidays during this time, especially Thursday 23 August as this is GCSE Results Day.

- **How can our school Careers Adviser (Mrs Hooke) help?**

You can use the Careers office for research at lunchtimes. All Year 11s will receive a Careers Guidance interview with Mrs Hooke, who will be happy to help you with applications and get you any information you may need. Please check the notice on the door for times and dates when she is present in school. If you have any questions about this, please pop in or email her on j.hooke@finhampark.co.uk and follow her on twitter



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Mrs Hooke will be conducting group and one-to-one careers advice interviews this and next term where you will be able to discuss your post-16 options. Appointment cards will be sent via your Mentor and given out during registration. If you need to see her urgently, please call in to arrange an appointment.

Mrs Hooke will be attending future assemblies and the 6th Form Open Evening and the Yr 11 parents evening.

Remember you should have a back-up plan and be applying for more than one option should you not be successful with your first choice.