



Our Overview newsletters contain the key information you'll need each term.

Learning

For a full breakdown of curriculum content for all subjects, visit our [Curriculum Maps](#) webpage.

ENGLISH:

Revising English Language Papers 1 and 2

Students will learn to hone their examination technique for both sections of both papers, building on practices and feedback loops. Students will also respond to feedback on their mock exams.

MATHS:

Students will receive comprehensive feedback following the mock exams to help them identify key areas of revision and focus. The individual class focus for this term is as follows:

- **Mrs Morgan & Mrs Payne's class:** Simultaneous Equations and Further Graphs
- **Miss Twyford & Mrs Price's class:** Simultaneous Equations, Measures and Graphs
- **Mr Poolman's class:** Mock Exam Development, Probability Skills
- **Mr Smytheman's & Mr Whitley's classes:** Mock exam development, Data

SEPARATE SCIENCES:

In **Biology**, students will be studying inheritance. They will look at the inheritance of single gene characteristics, learn about alleles, genotypes, phenotypes, and some inherited disorders.

In **Chemistry**, students will study a topic on analytical chemistry looking at tests for gases, ions, and chromatography. They will also complete investigative work on these topics.

In **Physics**, students will continue to study the topic of forces, looking at the motion of objects in detail, Newton's laws, conservation of momentum, and pressure in fluids.

COMBINED SCIENCE:

In Combined Science, students will be studying a **Chemistry** topic looking at crude oil and its uses as a fuel. They will also look at identifying different ions and separating mixtures. In **Physics**, students will continue the topic of forces, looking at Newton's laws of motion, factors affecting acceleration, and the effects of forces on materials.

CORE PE:

In Core PE lessons, all Key Stage 4 students will have continued opportunities to enjoy competitive or semi-competitive activity. We encourage students to embrace their core PE lessons and participate with good effort and spirit. Students will be able to choose an activity from a range of Core PE activities on offer.

PSHE:

Dreams & Goals - We will equip ourselves with strategies to handle anxiety, grasp financial planning and its challenges, pinpoint dream job aspirations, reflect on future relationships and their legal aspects, prepare for unexpected setbacks, and evaluate our pathways to achieve overarching health, relationship, and life goals.

Queries

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News

School Website: [Home page](#)
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Key Contacts

Head of Key Stage 4: **Mr M O'Neill**
Deputy Head of Key Stage 4: **Dr S Ouvry**
KS4 Student Wellbeing Managers:
Miss R David & Mrs L Higgins
Assistant Head, Personal Development: **Mr J Clelland**

Useful Links

School Website [Careers pages](#)
School Website [Exams Office page](#)
School Website [Revision page](#)
Revision Resources [Padlet](#)
Post-16 Choices [Padlet](#)

Aspiration

MOCK EXAMS

The mocks are now underway and are the best opportunity Year 11 students will have to experience the pressure of examinations, as well as to practise the behaviours and skills that will benefit them for their GCSEs. The mock exams allow students to apply all the revision and examination strategies they have learned and discover what works best for them, helping them to focus their attention and effort, and make sure they are on the path to exam success. Students have been given their own exam timetables; parents can find a mock exams timetable on our [Exams Office](#) webpage. A wealth of useful tips for revising each subject can be found in this [Mocks Preparation Guide](#).

MOCK EXAM RESULTS

On Thursday 5th December, Year 11 students will have a special assembly where they will receive their mock exam results. We do this to replicate, in some way, the process that happens on the real results day in the summer. Students are then given time to reflect on their progress since their last mock exams and set targets for the final GCSEs. Students will receive copies of their results alongside their Impact Progress Check report. This report will include a target for each subject that, if completed, will aid your child's progress. We would be very grateful to have your support in encouraging students to complete these targets. A digital version of the Impact Progress Check report will be available on [My Child at School](#).

PARENT TEACHER CONSULTATION EVENING

Our Year 11 Parent Teacher Consultation Evening will be held in school on Thursday 12th December, 4.30-7.30pm. Bookings via [Epraise](#) are expected to open from Thursday 5th December; confirmation will be sent by email in due course. We look forward to communicating with parents and carers about the progress and wellbeing of your children, and to working together to ensure further progress in the run up to examinations.

UPCOMING POST-16 OPEN EVENINGS

This term, there are several Open Evenings that your child could attend to help them consider their options for post-16 study. The links below provide more details:

- Wednesday 6th November, 3.30-7pm [Abingdon and Witney College Open Day](#) (Abingdon campus)
- Wednesday 13th November, 3.30-7pm [Abingdon and Witney College Open Day](#) (Witney campus)
- Wednesday 20th November, 4-7pm [Bicester Construction Skills Centre Open Evening](#)
- Wednesday 20th November, 4.30-7.30pm [City of Oxford College Open Evening](#) (City Centre site)
- Thursday 28th November, 5-7pm [JMF6 \(John Mason and Fitzharrys sixth form\) Open Evening](#) (John Mason site)

SUPER CURRICULAR CHALLENGES

Our subject leaders have put together some ideas for extra challenges and enrichment opportunities that students could undertake, to sit alongside their studies this term: see our [Super-Curricular Challenges – Term 2 list](#).

CAREERS FAIR

We are hosting a Careers Fair during the school day on Thursday 5th December. A variety of employers and training providers from our local community will set up stalls in the hall; organisations already booked to attend include universities, colleges, and the NHS. Students will have the opportunity to informally speak to employers about their business and potential job roles, apprenticeships, and pathways into employment and training.

PASSPORT TO PROM – 2025

The Year 11 Prom will be held on Friday 4th July 2025 – please save the date! It is always a wonderful event, and we would like to see every Year 11 student there. The year group will be consulted on the theme and other ideas to make it a memorable evening for all and there is the opportunity for students to join the Prom Committee to help with fundraising and coordination of the event.

To support high aspirations and the further development of integrity in our students as they approach their exams, we use an 'In It to Win It' points system for students to earn their invitation to the prom. Students earn their *Passport to Prom* by being awarded 25 House points a term, in at least 3 of out of the 5 terms (Year 11 students leave school during term 6). One House point equates to one 'In It to Win' It point. All students who have not successfully accrued enough House points in a term will be notified at the beginning of the following term, and a notification will be emailed to parents. Students are aware that 'In It to Win it' points will be subtracted for each poor behaviour incident or missed homework, so please regularly encourage your child to aspire to earn House points, be proactive in their learning, make the right choices, and fulfil commitments for behaviour and personal study. We want every student to attend Prom and are here to offer support wherever needed. Please contact the Head of Year, Mr O'Neill with any queries:

moneill@fitzharrys.school

Opportunity

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

A reminder our [extra-curricular offer](#) is online – check this regularly for the latest updates.

KS4 WELLBEING CHRISTMAS QUIZ

The first of three KS4 wellbeing events will be our annual Christmas Quiz, scheduled to take place on Tuesday 17th December after school, from 3.45–6.30pm. All students are welcome to join and form teams for a range of rounds. Food will be provided and there will be prizes to win! Main contact: Mr O'Neill moneill@fitzharrys.school

Integrity

PASTORAL TEAM – CONTACT INFORMATION

The Key Stage 4 team now have a shared mailbox. If you need to contact the school regarding any pastoral or behavioural matters, please email: FHS-KS4Team@fitzharrys.school and one of the team (Mr O'Neill, Dr Ouvry, Mrs Higgins or Ms David) will respond as soon as possible.

CHILDREN IN NEED – NON-SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY

There will be a non-school uniform day on Friday 15th November in aid of Children in Need. The school council has set the contribution at £1 per student participating, and donations will be collected via ParentMail accounts. Students may bring and wear an appropriate alternative PE kit for their PE lesson if they wish to do so. We are grateful for the support of parents and carers in reminding students that jewellery is not permissible for health and safety reasons.

FOODBANK COLLECTION

In the lead up to Christmas, we will once again be collecting items for [Abingdon Foodbank](#) to support their aim to combat poverty and hunger, bringing emergency food and support to local people who are referred to them in crisis. Donations need to be brought to form tutors by the start of December. Further details will be shared in assemblies and via ParentMail soon. The school will deliver donations to the foodbank before the end of term.

FITZHARRYS COMMUNITY: CHRISTMAS EVENTS

We regret to announce there will be no Fitzharrys' Staff Panto this year, but there are already plans afoot for it to return in December 2025. We are looking forward to bringing the wider school community together for our annual [Carol Concert](#) at Trinity Church on Tuesday 10th December, 7pm. This is not a ticketed event; all are welcome to come along to join in the festivities on the night. More details will follow later this term.

FLU VACCINATIONS

Flu vaccinations are being offered to Year 7–11 students at school on Friday 13th December. An email with full details including a [letter with a link to the online registration form](#) was sent out on Wednesday 23rd October – please ensure this is completed ASAP if you would like your child to receive this vaccination at school.

Key Dates

Monday 4 th – Friday 29 th Nov	Y11 Mock Exams
Wednesday 6 th November, 3.30–7pm	Abingdon & Witney College Open Evening (Abingdon site)
Wednesday 13 th November, 3.30–7pm	Abingdon & Witney College Open Evening (Witney site)
Friday 15 th November	<i>Children in Need</i> – Non-School Uniform Day
Wednesday 20 th November, 4–7pm	Bicester Construction Skills Centre Open Evening
Wednesday 20 th November, 4.30–7.30pm	City of Oxford College Open Evening (City Centre site)
Thursday 28 th November, 5–7pm	JMF6–Abingdon Open Evening (John Mason site)
Thursday 5 th December	Y11 Mock Exam Results day
Thursday 5 th December	All Years – Careers Fair
Tuesday 10 th December, 7pm start	Carol Concert – Trinity Church
Thursday 12 th December, 4.30–7.30pm	Y11 Parent Teacher Consultation Evening (PTCE) – onsite
Friday 13 th December	Flu Vaccinations
Tuesday 17 th December (3.45–6.30pm)	KS4 Christmas Quiz
Friday 20 th December	End of Term 2 (school closes at 1.10pm)
Monday 23 rd December – Friday 3 rd January	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
Monday 6 th January	Start of Term 3 (Week B)