

ARCHBISHOP ILSLEY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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24th September 2025

GCSE Information Evening

Homework & Study Plus

Dear Parent/Carer

In the short time Year 11 have been in school, it has been fantastic to see pupils' positive attitude towards their studies.

As you can imagine, Year 11 is one of the most crucial times of any child's education. The outcomes will not only have a profound impact on your child's choices beyond school but will also be one of the most influential factors when starting their career.

Your support throughout this journey will enable them to achieve their best.

So that you are fully informed of the plan for the year ahead, you are invited to a GCSE information evening. This will take place on <u>Thursday 9th October at 5.00 pm</u> in the main hall. During the evening, there will be:

- Advice on how you can support your child
- Information about the courses studied and important dates
- Subject-specific workshops (these will operate on a 5/6 minute rotation)
- Advice about joining our Sixth Form

Please collect your personalised information booklet in O'Donnell Hall on arrival. Your child should also attend in full school uniform.

Another form of support we offer is <u>'Homework & Study Plus'</u>. The purpose of this is to support pupils who may need targeted intervention. These intervention lessons take place from Monday to Thursday between 3:15pm and 4:00pm and will commence from Monday 6th October. <u>Attendance is compulsory when requested by a subject teacher</u>. You can find the timetable for this at the end of this letter.

NEA

Some subjects have NEA (Non-exam assessment). The work from this contributes towards the final grade. Deadlines for the completion of this are set by the exam boards. If the NEA is not completed by the deadline, this will substantially impact the overall grade. If your child studies one of the subjects below, it is crucial that they meet the deadlines set.



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Subject	Milestones to be met	Deadline	Milestones to be met	Deadline	Milestones to be met	Deadline
Sport	Yr11 Completion of R181	01.12.25	Yr 11Completion of R183	01.12.25	Yr11 R180 Exam	May 26
Art	Complete 60% coursework	5.1.26	Year 10 sketchbook	26.9.25	Year 11 sketchbook	05.01.26
Hospitality & Catering	Final H&C coursework- 60%	27.03.26				
Media Studies	First Submission Coursework	22.10.25	Final Submission Courswork	12.12.25		
DT	Final DT GCSE coursework- 20 slides - 50%	27.03.26				
Health & Social Care	Year 11 Component 2 PSA Controlled assessment	16.10.25 & 17.10.25	Year 10 Component 1 PSA Controlled Assessment	Feb/Mar 2026	Year 11 Component 3 Examination	05.05.26

<u>Homework</u>

Academic success for all pupils lies in their ability to demonstrate positive learning behaviours both in class and at home. It is vital that your child engages in completing homework. With the large amount of content that pupils must cover as part of their studies, time should be spent committing it to long-term memory through revision. This will further increase their chances of success in the summer exams. Your support in making sure this is done would be appreciated.

Communicating with you

You can follow how your child is doing via the MCAS (My Child at School) app. This is the principal means of communication we use between school and home. We will be releasing more features for this as the year goes on.



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Please also save the dates:

<u>Tuesday 21st October 2025:</u> We will be holding our Sixth Form Open Evening and Careers Convention at 5:00pm. We will send you more information about this very soon.

Thursday 4th December: Year 11 Parents' Evening.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you on Thursday 9th October.

Mr McDonald Mr Francioso

Assistant Head Teacher

Head of Year 11

Homework/Study Plus 2025-2026

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
Week 1	Science	Option C	Option D	RS
Week 2	Maths	Option B	Option A	English

Option							
Α	В	С	D				
DT - Mr Lakin	Comp Sci - Mr Ahmed	Art - Mrs Hawkins	Art - Mrs Mackuin				
DT - Mr Francioso	French - Miss Chesterman	Bus - Mrs Maitland – Powell	Bus - Mrs Maitland – Powell				
H&C - Ms Jaka	French - Mrs Walton	DT - Mrs Zannar	Comp Sci - Mr Edge				
Geography - Mr Royston	Geography - Miss Ruck	DT - Mr Lakin	DT - Mrs Zannar				
History - Mr Jones	Geography - Mrs Porter	DT - Mr Meredith	DT - Mr Lakin				
History - Mr Koryl	History - Mrs McMahon	H&C - Ms Sewell	Sport - Miss Lawton				
History - Miss Salter	History - Mr Kenyon	Geography - Mr Royston	History - Mr Jones				
Spanish - Mr O'Hara-Mills	iMedia - Mr Edge	Sport - Mrs Burnham	HSC - Mrs Benton				
	Spanish - Miss Cook	History - Mr McMahon	iMedia - Mrs Rose				
		HSC - Mrs Steele	Media Std- MrBrookes				