



NEWBRIDGE SCHOOL – YSGOL TRECELYN

YEAR 11 EXAMINATIONS & ASSESSMENT

Information for Parents and Carers | September 2026



Year 11 is a busy year, with examinations and assessments taking place from September through to June. Pupils will complete external examinations, non-examined assessments (NEAs), practical assessments and mock examinations. The key message is that pupils should remain fully engaged throughout the year and complete all work by the deadlines set by their subjects.

1. The Year at a Glance

Period	Main examination activity	Important points
Autumn 2026	November external examinations; NEAs and other subject assessments	English and Mathematics examinations take place from 2–5 November. Other NEAs and assessments continue throughout the term.
December 2026	Welsh Orals, mock examinations and NEAs	Mocks run from 4–11 December, with additional oral and NEA examinations from 30-3 December and 14–15 December.
Spring 2027	Further external examinations and NEAs	BTEC examinations, Welsh orals, Science practical assessment and other subject assessments.
May–June 2027	Main GCSE/BTEC examination period	GCSE and BTEC examinations run from 11 May – 18 June. All remaining BTEC assessments completed.

2. Key External Examination Dates and Information

- November 2026: Monday 2 November – Friday 6 November – English and Mathematics examinations.
- January 2027: Thursday 7 January – Monday 11 January – Various BTEC examinations; BTEC Science examination on Thursday 4 February.
- May/June 2027: Tuesday 11 May – Friday 18 June – main examination period for GCSE subjects and some BTEC qualifications.
- Examination dates are set by the examination boards and cannot be changed by the school. Please do not book holidays during examination periods.
- Examination entries will be issued to pupils approximately one month before the examinations. The school calendar will also contain examination information.
- Morning examinations start at 8:30am and afternoon examinations at 1:45pm. Some afternoon examinations may finish after the normal school day.
- Pupils should bring all necessary equipment: two black pens, pencil and rubber, ruler, calculator, protractor and compass, as appropriate.
- If a pupil is going to be late, parents should contact the school immediately. On arrival, the pupil should report to main reception and then go directly to the examination room.
- A pupil will still be able to complete an examination if they arrive late, provided that pupils have not yet been released from the examination room.

3. Mock Examinations

- Mock examinations take place from Friday 4 December to Friday 11 December. These are preceded by Welsh Orals from Monday 30 November to Thursday 3 December, and then followed by the Geography NEA on Monday 14 and Tuesday 15 December.
- These mock examinations provide an important opportunity for pupils to practise examination conditions, identify areas for improvement and prepare for the final examinations.
- Examination timetables will be issued to pupils in November.

4. What Parents Can Do to Help

- Encourage regular revision rather than leaving preparation until immediately before an examination.
- Check the school calendar and communications for examination and assessment dates.
- Ensure pupils have the equipment they need: two black pens, pencil, rubber, ruler, calculator, protractor and compass, as appropriate.
- Support pupils in attending revision sessions and using the resources provided by departments.
- Please avoid arranging holidays or other commitments during examination periods.

5. Subject-Specific Information

- Individual subjects have specific dates for examinations, NEAs, practical assessments and the completion of other assessed work. These dates are planned and managed by individual subject areas and may vary between qualifications and pupils.
- Pupils and parents/carers will be informed of subject-specific examination and assessment dates by the relevant Subject Lead. Important information will also be shared through Google Classrooms, the school calendar and other appropriate school communications.
- Parents and carers are encouraged to check these communications regularly and to support pupils in meeting all examination, NEA and assessment deadlines.

6. Assessment, NEAs and Ongoing Work

- Many subjects include NEAs or practical assessments which contribute to the final qualification. These are completed over a period of time and are just as important as written examinations
- Subject-specific BTEC assessment deadlines are confirmed by individual departments
- Pupils should complete coursework, NEAs, practical work and other assessed tasks by the deadlines given by their teachers.

7. Support and Communication

- Revision resources and guidance are available through departments, including revision sessions, revision guides, past papers and the use of Google Classroom.
- Parents will receive key dates and examination information from the school. The school calendar should also be checked regularly.
- Progress will be monitored on Friday 23 October. The Year 11 Parents' Evening is Wednesday 11 November and the annual school report is due on Friday 29 January.

8. Other Important Dates

Date	Event
23 October 2026	Monitoring of Progress
11 November 2026	Year 11 Parents' Evening
17 November 2026	Year 11 Coleg Gwent taster day
29 January 2027	Annual School Report
12 March 2027	Year 11 School Photographs
7 May 2027	Year 11 Leavers Assembly
25 May 2027	Year 11 leaving date – pupils remain in school full time until this date
1 July 2027	Year 11 Prom – Parkway Hotel, 7:00pm–11:00pm
19 August 2027	Results Day – school hall from 9:00am

**Thank you for your continued support in helping our Year 11 pupils
prepare for a successful final year.**