



Monday 27 April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Year 11 Final Countdown Assembly and Exam Arrangements

Today we delivered the final assembly in our 'Countdown to Exams' series with Year 11. If you would like to view the full content shared with students, this is now available on the school website.

[Plymstock School - The Final 2 \(Countdown to GCSEs\)](#)

The assembly focused on how we will continue to support students through the exam period, alongside reassuring them that it is completely normal to feel nervous at this stage. In fact, we emphasised that nerves are often a positive sign, they show that students care, that this matters to them, and that they want to do well.

We have encouraged students to focus their energy on what they can control over the coming weeks: their revision, effort, routines, and engagement in lessons. The exam papers and the questions they contain are outside of their control, but their preparation and mindset are firmly within it.

We also shared important information about exam routines. GCSE exams follow fixed national start times, and we have clear systems in place to ensure a calm, focused environment for all students.

From Monday 11 May, additional support will be in place, including:

- A calm and purposeful start to the day, with access via the main gate and breakfast available for students
- Short, focused pre-exam warm-up sessions designed to build confidence, reduce anxiety, and help students feel fully prepared

Students will remain in school full-time until **Thursday 11 June**, following a personalised timetable made up of Directed Study (independent, structured revision using provided materials) and



Precision Revision (targeted teacher-led sessions focused on key knowledge, exam technique, and common misconceptions).

From **Thursday 11 June** onwards, students will only be expected to attend school for their scheduled examinations. Outside of these exam times, they will revise at home.

I also want to take a moment to express our sincere thanks for your support throughout this year. Your partnership has been exceptional; whether that is through securing the strongest Year 11 attendance across our Trust, helping to create calm and structured conditions for revision at home, or simply being there consistently for your child during what can be a demanding period.

Myself and the pastoral team are incredibly proud of this year group. They are a truly special group of young people - kind, resilient, and respectful - and they have conducted themselves with real maturity as they enter this final stage.

We will continue to support them closely over the coming weeks and are committed to helping them finish this journey as successfully and confidently as possible.

Yours faithfully,



Miss Charlotte Campbell
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