



July 2019

KEY YEAR GROUP EVENTS – 2019/20 ACADEMIC YEAR

The attached summary information sets out the key events that will be taking place over the next few terms for all pupils in each year group. This information is being supplied at this point so that you are fully aware of what is happening at school and can involve yourself as appropriate. The intention is also to assist you to plan ahead as necessary, for example with regard to family holidays, in full knowledge of your child's study requirements.

I hope that you will find this outline useful and further details and events for each term are also available via the [School Calendar](#). Should you have queries about any of the events shown please contact your child's group tutor in the first instance.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely

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YEAR 11 KEY EVENTS (2019/20)

Full details are available via the [School Calendar](#)

AUTUMN TERM

- Year 11 Social (Saturday 7 September)
- Start of Year Service (Friday 13 September)
- International Pupils' Association Welcome Dinner (Tuesday 17 September)
- Transition to Lower Sixth event
- House Song (Tuesday 22 October)
- Half-term report
- Careers: Morrisby Profile assessment (Parts 1 and 2)
- Revision skills workshop
- Parents' Carol Service/Year 9 Annual Service (Tuesday 26 November)
- Festival of Languages (Thursday 14 November)
- Carol Service (Thursday 5 December)
- End of term report

SPRING TERM

- GCSE Rehearsal examinations (see the following note on Rehearsal examinations)
- Discussions with pupils about Sixth Form options
- Careers: Morrisby assessment results issued, with guidance interviews from FutureSmart Careers Ltd. (FSC)
- Languages Oscars Night (Friday 7 February)
- GCSE Rehearsal results provided in advance of the Year 11 Parents' meeting
- Presentation to Year 11 parents on 'Sixth Form Options' – immediately before the Year 11 Parents' meeting
- Year 11 parents' meeting with subject tutors – final Friday before half-term break (Friday 14 February)
- 'Sixth Form Courses' booklet, containing full details of all sixth form courses and provisional subject blocking information, made available to parents
- End of term report

SUMMER TERM

- Summer Celebration & Prize-giving – final day of the first half-term (Saturday 23 May)
- GCSE examinations begin – pupils will be issued with a personalised examination timetable
- Pupils may revise at home (see 2, Note 1 below)
- End of term Housemaster/mistress letter home (plus any co-curricular reports)
- Text books to be returned to the issuing department by the end of term

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (YEAR 11)

1. **Coursework** (or Controlled Assessments)

Formal coursework/controlled assessments tasks will be ongoing throughout Year 11; these will take place during normal timetabled lessons.

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2. **GCSE Examinations**

Note 1. Appropriate revision during the Easter and summer half-term breaks is **essential** – please make holiday plans accordingly.

Note 2. GCSE Art examinations start in the first half of the spring term.

Note 3. GCSE Drama practical examinations take place early in the second half of the spring term in Year 11.

Note 4. The IGCSE English as a Second Language oral typically takes place towards the end of the spring term in Year 11.

Note 5. The IGCSE English Language Speaking & Listening assessment typically takes place in the second half of the spring term in Year 11.

Note 6. The IGCSE PE practical examination typically takes place towards the end of the spring term in Year 11.

Note 7. Revision at home and Examination Leave – the detailed arrangements will be confirmed in a letter sent from the Deputy Head (Academic), available via the Parent Portal, at the start of the summer term. Typically, examination leave may be taken from half-term in the summer term.

Note 8. Pupils following BTEC programmes may not take examination leave until they have completed all their assignments and have permission from the relevant Head of Department.

Note 9. Post-examination routine – following the GCSE examination period the Year 11 'normal' timetable is the post-GCSE programme (details of which are sent home in the Easter mailing). All Year 11 pupils at Millfield at this time will be required to take part in this programme which will typically run during the final week of the summer term.

Note 10. The above arrangements must on no account conflict with school commitments; team players, musicians and those involved in other group activities must refer to the appropriate staff.

3. **Academic Trips, Visits, Exchanges and Fieldwork**

A number of trips, visits, exchanges and fieldwork activities take place throughout Year 11 which support pupils' academic studies. Where necessary, parents will be given as much notification as possible of the precise dates of these activities. In some subjects, participation is regarded as an essential part of the course.

4. **Spring term GCSE Rehearsal examinations**

The GCSE Rehearsal examinations are an important opportunity for pupils and teachers to gauge levels of progress. **Pupils are strongly advised to prepare for these internal examinations to ensure that they are in a position to perform to their potential.** Extensive revision during the preceding Christmas break is strongly advised to consolidate the work covered so far. Parents are encouraged to make any holiday arrangements with this in mind. Experience shows that lack of preparation for Rehearsal examinations is an indicator for likely under-performance in the real thing. The outcomes from these examinations will be important evidence which will inform decisions on the tier of entry for terminal examinations.

5. **Reporting**

Reports are provided at the end of the autumn and spring terms and at half-term in the autumn term. The reports at half-term in the autumn term and at the end of the spring term are A4 summary sheets; the report at the end of the autumn term is a full booklet. Parents will receive a summary of GCSE Rehearsal grades in advance of the Year 11 Parents' Meeting. A Housemaster/Housemistress letter (plus any co-curricular reports) will be sent home at the end of the summer term. Reporting sessions are used by group tutors and Housemasters/Housemistresses to closely monitor pupil performance and progress. Parents are contacted as appropriate following reporting sessions if a pupil is not meeting academic expectations.