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Year 11 Update Letter (2)

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was a pleasure to welcome *Positively You* back into school earlier this week to deliver their ever-popular 'Exam Busters' revision workshop with all our Year 11 students. Engagement across both sessions was exceptional, and it was clear that this cohort continues to show real determination and drive in their preparation for the summer exams. We remain impressed by their attitude and commitment, whether that's representing the academy in sports fixtures, offering to support at next week's open evening, or simply giving their best in lessons each day.

Year 11 Progress Report 1 – What Next?

Year 11 students and families should last week have received their first Progress Report of the year, including their latest End of Course Predictions (ECPs). We hope the report has been a useful opportunity to see how things are going and to start thinking about the next steps. We would encourage students to look at where things are going well, but also where a little more focus over the coming weeks could make a real difference. These predictions are not fixed, and there is still plenty of time for students to build on them as they move through Year 11.

A good starting point is to pick out two or three priorities from the report, perhaps a subject where there is a gap between the current prediction and the grade they are aiming for, or an area where a change to revision, homework or study habits could help. Following this week's Exam Busters revision workshop, now is also a great time for students to start trialling some of the strategies that were shared and finding out which approaches work best for them.

With Year 11 Subject Consultations coming up at the end of this half term, there will also be a chance to talk directly with subject teachers about how things are going and, most importantly, what students can do next to keep moving forwards. At this point in Year 11, the grades on the report are only part of the picture, **what students do with that information now is what really matters.**

Destination Intentions

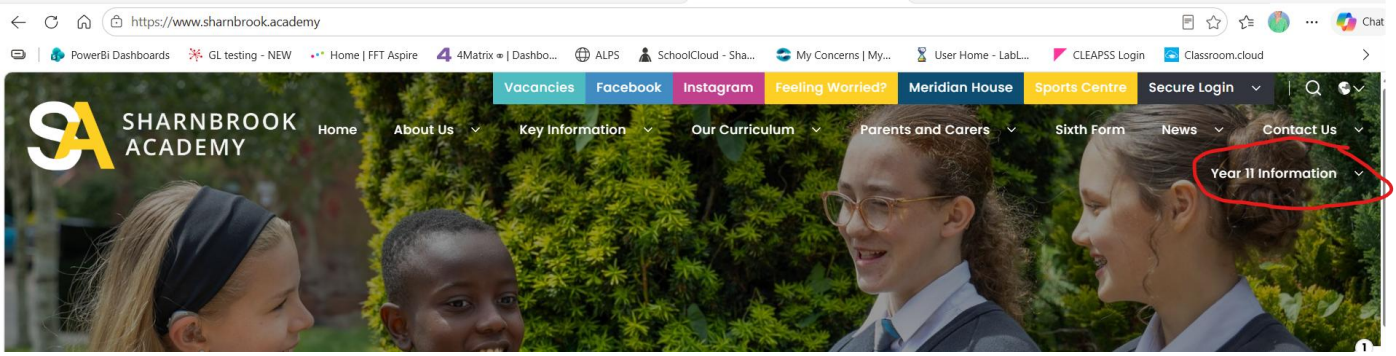
Year 11 Destinations Intentions 2026-27 (Autumn Term)

We would appreciate your support in encouraging your child to complete the Destination Intentions Form, which was shared with them via email and Teams two weeks ago – we have a significant number of students still to complete this.

This form gives us an early indication of students' current plans and helps us to provide more **personalised guidance and support**, whether they are considering Sharnbrook Sixth Form, another sixth form or college, or an apprenticeship. We know that plans may change over the coming months – at this stage, we simply want to understand what students are currently considering.

Subject Information, Provisional Summer 2026/27 Exam Timetable & Staying Informed

A reminder that all Year 11-specific information, including copies of these fortnightly update letters and other helpful resources moved over from Year 10, is available in the dedicated Year 11 section of the Academy website. This is a great place to keep informed and access everything you and your child need to support their success throughout the year.



We have also now finalised the updates to our 2026/27 Subject Information Booklet which includes key details on the structure of each subject's exams, links to the exam board specification and recommended revision resources. Other valuable resources found within the Year 11 section of the website include copies of:

- Provisional summer 2027 exam timetable
- Key dates to note for Year 11

Revision and Intervention Support

As we move further into Year 11, departments are beginning to increase the additional support available to students. With mock exams taking place later in the academic year, many departments have not yet restarted their full programme of afterschool revision sessions. We expect more of these to begin after the October half term, providing students with a focused seven-week period of preparation in the run-up to their mock exams after Christmas.

Several departments are already offering additional opportunities for students to access support, ask questions and complete independent work:

- **English** – a weekly revision and homework support session takes place every Tuesday lunchtime in the library. Students can drop in at any point during the year, with no need to book. English teachers are available to help with homework and revision, accessing resources such as Massolit, revision techniques and study skills, or individual questions. Students are also welcome to use the session simply as a calm and productive place to work.

- **Sociology** – a weekly drop-in session takes place every Wednesday after school in SS5. Students are encouraged to attend with any questions, topics they would like help with, or areas they would like to work through.

- **Dance** – students can access the Main Hall every Monday after school for NEA rehearsal and preparation.

- **Drama** – the Drama Studio is available every day after school until 5pm for students to work on group rehearsals.

Alongside these open sessions, we have now begun our programme of targeted intervention for selected students in English, Maths, Science, Design Technology, French and Spanish. These sessions take place during the school day and provide focused support in specific areas identified by departments. Intervention generally runs in 6–8 week cycles, enabling us to review students' progress and identify those who may benefit from support in subsequent rounds.

If your child has been selected for the first round of targeted intervention in any of these subjects, you will already have received an email with further information. As these sessions form an important part of the support being put in place for students, we would really appreciate your help in reinforcing the importance of attending when invited and making the most of the additional guidance available.

We strongly encourage all Year 11 students to take advantage of the support available to them throughout the year. As we approach the mock exams, we will continue to share details of further revision sessions and opportunities as they become available.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We are proud of the way Year 11 have started the year, and we look forward to working closely with you over the coming months to help every student achieve their potential.

Yours sincerely,



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