



# Beths Grammar School

an 11 – 18 selective school with academy status

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9<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers of Students in Year 11,

I hope you have all had a great and relaxing Christmas break. This letter is intended to bring to your attention important information about the upcoming core subjects Trial Examinations for Year 11 students, sixth form applications and post-16 guidance/support.

## **Year 11 second set of core subjects trial exams**

All year 11 students will sit formal trial exams across all of their core subjects starting week beginning **Monday 2nd February**. The timetable for these exams is below:

Date	Session 1 (start at 9am)	Session 3 (start at 1.30pm)
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	GCSE English Language paper 1	<i>Normal Lessons</i>
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	<i>Normal Lessons</i>	GCSE Maths paper 1 (non-calculator)
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	GCSE Biology	<i>Normal Lessons</i>
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	GCSE Maths Paper 2 (Calculator)	<i>Normal Lessons</i>
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	GCSE English Literature Paper 1	<i>Normal Lessons</i>
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	GCSE English Language Paper 2	GCSE Physics
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	GCSE Chemistry	<i>Normal Lessons</i>
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	<i>Normal Lessons</i>	GCSE English Literature Paper 2

Students will not be on study leave for internal trial exams. Where they are not due to have an exam, students will go to their normal lesson. The exams have been put together in accordance with the main year group timetable. Where they have a core subject exam, this would happen when they were due to be in a core subject lesson. This means that when students are not in an exam, their teacher of option subjects will continue to deliver the taught curriculum. Students need to come to school prepared for these lessons. All trial exams will take place in the sports hall under strict exam conditions.

As mentioned at the information evening and in previous letters, these exams will be marked by an experienced team of **external senior examiners**. This is costing the school a significant amount of money, but we want to make sure that every student has the chance to be best prepared for the real public exams. I therefore ask for your support in ensuring that your child

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takes these exams seriously and conducts adequate amounts of revision and study at home. Predicted grades can change following these exams.

Students should be on site no later than 8.30am ready to start walking into the hall at 8.45am for a morning start. Students are well rehearsed in the standards and procedures of the exam hall. Attached to this letter is a copy of the **revision topic lists**. Students have already been given a hard copy of this.

### **Sixth Form applications**

- Once you get the report, you may now start the application to the sixth form at Beths using the online Applicaa system. Please refer to previous correspondence to find your unique login details. Please use the most recent predictions on the December 2025 report.
- The deadline for sixth form applications to Beths Grammar School is **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January**.
- If you have any issues at all with applications, then please contact me or Mrs Deane. We are always happy to support.
- Should you want to speak with us to discuss post-16 options or seek our advice on sixth form applications, please email us to arrange a time and date to discuss this further.

### **Post 16 options/guidance and support**

The Careers Team continues to support students in making informed choices regarding their future through 1-1 guidance interviews with an independent, external careers adviser from Prospects. Although we know that many of our students plan to stay at Beths to study A levels, there is no limit to the number of post-16 training providers that students can apply to, and it's sensible for students to apply to alternative post-16 provision as a Plan B. During this term representatives from several local Sixth Form Colleges will be speaking with all Year 11 students during their Directed Study about alternative pathways open to them after GCSE's. Students will listen to presentations from the colleges and have the opportunity to speak directly to the representatives about the qualifications that they offer. Please encourage your child to take advantage of this opportunity.

Thank you in advance for your support with these important matters. Please contact me directly should you have any additional questions.

We remain committed to supporting your young people to get the best out of their time at Beths.

Yours sincerely,



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