



Learning

For a full breakdown of curriculum content for all subjects, visit our [Curriculum Maps](#) webpage.

ENGLISH:

Revising Literature Paper 1 and Language Paper 1

Students will learn to hone their knowledge of *Jekyll and Hyde* and refine their ideas, building on practices and feedback loops. This will be interwoven with English Language revision.

MATHS:

Individual class focus for this term:

- **Mrs Morgan & Mrs Price's class:** *Vectors, Surds and Further Trigonometry*
- **Mr Smytheman's class:** *Final content of Further Trigonometry, Maths Memory & mocks*
- **Mrs Twyford's class:** *Continued revision through Maths Memory testing and exam questions*
- **Mr Poolman's class:** *Continued revision, Maths Memory and mock exam prep*
- **Mr Whitley's class:** *Mock revision, exam technique work & Maths Memory*

SEPARATE SCIENCES:

In **Biology**, students will study impacts of humans on biodiversity including, deforestation, global warming and pollution. They will look at methods to support biodiversity such as efficient and sustainable food production.

In **Chemistry**, students will continue studying the Earth's resources, looking at alloys, polymers, ceramics, glass, and the manufacture of fertilisers. They will then complete some preparatory work for the paper 2 mock exam.

In **Physics**, students will complete the topic of electromagnetism, looking at magnetic fields and electromagnetic devices. They will also study the motor effect and electromagnetic induction. They will then begin the topic of Space physics, looking at the life cycle of stars and the current evidence to support the theories for the origin and future of the Universe.

COMBINED SCIENCE:

In Combined Science, students will complete a **Physics** topic focussed on magnetic fields around magnets and current-carrying wires. They will learn how electromagnets work and their uses. In **Biology**, students will complete a topic on variation and evolution, looking at adaptations and competition, variation and evolution, and the fossil evidence from the past. They will also look at the classification system for organisms.

CORE PE:

Students will use Core PE time productively. Students not taking GCSE PE will follow their 'healthy active lifestyle', by working on their own programmes in our Fitness Suite or with semi-competitive activity in games situations. The students taking GCSE PE, who are preparing for their practical examinations with a close end date in mind, will be encouraged to use Core PE classes as an additional opportunity to focus on their specific areas of need.

PSHE:

This term in PSHE, we will be studying relationships. Topics will include the different stages of relationships, sexuality, coming out, honour-based violence, hate crime, coercive control and power imbalance. This is the final topic of PSHE in year 11, with the time being devoted to GCSE revision after Easter.

Useful Links

School Website:

[Careers](#) | [Revision](#) | [Exams Office](#)

Revision Resources [Padlet](#)

Post-16 Choices [Padlet](#)

Adviza Careers [Website](#)

Key Contacts

Head of Key Stage 4: **Mr M O'Neill**

Deputy Head of Key Stage 4: **Dr S Ouvry**

KS4 Student Wellbeing Managers: **Mrs R David**

Miss K Lammin

Assistant Head, Personal Development: **Mr J Clelland**

News

School Website: [Home page](#)

Facebook: [@fitzharrysschool](#)

Instagram: [fitzharrys](#)

Aspiration

REVISION SUPPORT PARENT INFORMATION

As the GCSE exams approach, we would like to signpost the [Revision](#) area of our school website. On this page, we have a video guide for parents on supporting students in the run up to their final exams, for you to view at your leisure. Some of the videos on this page are currently being updated for 2026 and should be ready to view by the w/c Monday 2nd March.

MOCK EXAMINATIONS

Year 11 will have a final set of core mock exams during w/c 9th March. This is an important opportunity to practice working in exam conditions and receive high-quality feedback from teachers to help guide revision. Exam timetables have been given to students and are available electronically on [My Child at School](#). Not all subjects have scheduled exams as some are finishing content and completing coursework.

Coursework deadlines for practical subjects in term 4 will have been clearly conveyed to students. Please contact subject teachers directly if you have any queries.

INFORMATION PROGRESS CHECK

This term, year 11 students will receive their final Information Progress Check, w/c 23rd March. We would be very grateful to have parents' support in encouraging students to:

- review their progress with you at home
- use this Information Progress Check to guide revision planning

CAREERS NEWSLETTERS

Our careers newsletters are updated each month with school, local, and national information and opportunities relating to careers. When organisations and training providers send us information about talks, vacancies, and applications, these will be shared via our website. To view, visit: [Careers Newsletters](#).

SUPER CURRICULAR CHALLENGES

See our [Super-Curricular Challenges – Term 4 list](#) for optional extra challenges and enrichment opportunities.

Opportunity

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

A reminder that our [extra-curricular offer](#) is online and regularly updated – check the link for the latest updates.

APPRENTICESHIPS

As students look towards post-16 options, they can stay on top of all the latest apprenticeship-related news and opportunities by registering with this national database: [Find an apprenticeship – GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#).

KS4 SPRING SOCIAL - GAMES NIGHT

Our next Key Stage 4 wellbeing event is a Games Night which will be held on Wednesday 4th March, expected start time 3:45pm (exact timings to be confirmed). Save the date! More details will follow later this term.

Y11 LEAVERS EVENTS 2025 - REMINDERS

- Prom tickets will be available to purchase from ParentMail next term and you can also purchase yearbooks and leavers hoodies from the online shop here: [Fitzharry School Leavers 2026](#)
- A 'top secret' email was sent to parents/carers in January asking for help with upcoming Leavers' events. Many thanks to everybody who has responded so far. We would love to get every parent/carers involved – please do re-read the email and [contact us](#) if you need this information sending again. Many thanks for your support.

FROZEN

Our student performers and backstage crew have been working hard on rehearsals for **FROZEN the musical!** Evening performances will take place on Tuesday 24th, Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th March; doors 6:30pm, with curtain up at 7pm. Tickets cost £6.00 each and are expected to be available via [ParentMail](#) from the evening of Monday 2nd March. Please do bring along loose change to spend at our refreshments stall or pass on to our students with donations buckets – any money donated will go towards the cost of new technical equipment for school shows. Thank you all in advance for your very kind support; we hope you enjoy the show!

Integrity

EXAM PREPARATION: PENCIL CASES

As we move swiftly towards year 11's final GCSE mock exam experience, it is essential that students are exam-ready with the correct items. Students must have a clear pencil case which includes the following equipment:

- At least 2 black pens
- Pencil
- Sharpener (unless pencil is mechanical)
- Rubber
- Ruler (15cm is sufficient)
- Protractor
- Compass
- Scientific calculator
Recommended model:
[Casio FX-83GTCW](#)

If you need any support with this, please contact your child's tutor.

KS4 TEAM COMMUNICATION REMINDER

A reminder that the best way to contact the pastoral team about your child is to use the following group email address: KS4Team@fitzharrys.school. The email will be seen by Mr O'Neill, Dr Ouvry, Ms David and Ms Lammin, and a member of the team will get back to you ASAP.

TERM DATES

For parents of students returning in September as part of JMF6, please note that our [term dates for 2026 – 2027](#) are now available on the school website.

COMIC RELIEF: RED NOSE DAY

There will be a non-school uniform day on Friday 20th March in aid of [Comic Relief](#). Suggested donation is £1 (with the option to donate more) and will be collected online via [ParentMail](#) in the usual way in due course. Our Wellbeing Reps are hoping to plan an extra event to support the fundraising, which will be advertised next term.

FSA EASTER HAMPER RAFFLE

The Fitzharrys School Association's Easter-themed, luxury chocolate & sweet hamper competition is on the horizon! Tickets cost £2 each and you can buy as many as you like to increase your chances of winning one of our fabulous (and delicious) prizes! All funds raised will go to the school. To enter the competition, buy tickets via your ParentMail account from Monday 2nd March. Deadline for entries will be the end of the day on Monday 23rd March, with the draw taking place on Tuesday 24th March. Winners will be notified the same day.

FSA: GIANT JUMBLE SALE – UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who donated items, volunteered, baked goods for the refreshments stall, or came along to bag a few bargains and support this fundraiser: following a few sales made with the leftover items after the event, the final count reveals the Giant Jumble Sale raised £3184.40! Huge thanks to our wonderfully generous school community for making this such a successful event.

THE WELLBEING HUB

The Wellbeing Hub is available to all pupils, parents/carers and staff with the aim of spreading knowledge and confidence of how to support wellbeing in adolescence. There is guidance and support on a wide range of topics, from managing relationships, exam stress, anxiety, equalities and a lot more. For parents there are specific blogs which discuss tips of how to support your children through these years. There are also several short courses designed for both pupils and adults.

Pupils have access through <http://club.teentips.co.uk> and if you do not yet have access as a parent please sign up here: <https://club.teentips.co.uk/register/parents/?ca=b0b22db7c0c44f6ebbe4c320c6fb6ec5>

Queries

Please [contact](#) the school with any queries
Email: office.4127@fitzharrys.school | Phone: **01235 520698**

Absence

To report a student absence, please telephone the dedicated *Student Absence Line* as soon as possible: **(01235) 538243**.

Key Dates

Monday 23rd February
Monday 23rd February
Monday 23rd February (w/c)
Tuesday 24th February
Wednesday 25th – Friday 27th February
Monday 2nd March (w/c)
Monday 2nd March (evening)
Wednesday 4th March, 3:45pm (TBC)
Friday 6th March
Monday 9th – Friday 13th March
Monday 16th March
Friday 20th March
Sunday 22nd March, 10am–3pm
Monday 23rd March (w/c)
Monday 23rd March (school hours)
Tuesday 24th March, 2pm
Tuesday 24th – Thursday 26th March, 7pm
Friday 27th March, 1:10pm finish
Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April
Monday 13th April

Start of term – Week B
Y11 Geography Fieldwork trip to Westgate, Oxford
Y11 GCSE PE Practical Assessments
Y11 BTEC Music exam
Y11 Food exams
Y11 Updated Revision Support content for parents, available [online](#)
Frozen: Tickets go on sale via ParentMail
KS4 Wellbeing event: Games Night @ Fitzharrys
Y11 Individual and Whole Year Group School Photos
Y11 Mock Exams (selected subjects – see [timetable](#))
Y8 – 11 HPV vaccination catchup (some students only)
Comic Relief: Red Nose Day – Non School Uniform Day
Frozen: Sunday Technical Rehearsal – whole cast & crew
Y11 Information Progress Checks due
Frozen: Final Dress Rehearsal – whole cast & crew
Frozen: Matinee performance for primary school pupils
Frozen: Evening performances
End of term
EASTER HOLIDAY
Term 5 begins – Week A