

Year 11 Newsletter Autumn 2026



Welcome Back!

We hope you had a restful and enjoyable summer.

We are excited about the year ahead and look forward to supporting your child through this important stage of their education.

The information that follows outlines key guidance and support to help your child achieve success in Year 11.

Best wishes,

Mr Dempster

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- **Head of Year:** Mr Dempster
- **Assistant Heads of Year:** Mr Corbey & Mrs Christian-Hare.
- **Year Assembly:** Friday B Week (Main Hall).
- **Whole School Assembly:** Tuesday every week (Sports Hall).
- **End of School day:** 15:15.
- **Time allocation on HW:** Spend 60 Minutes per HW Set.
- **Year 11 HW Club:** Everyday in A25 (Except Wed B).
- **Uniform:** No trainers, make-up, fake tan, necklaces or bracelets. Coats and bags must be black, dark grey or navy blue. Shirts must be tucked in and skirts worn at the correct length. Blazers, ties and house badges worn.
- **Equipment:** Ensure you are fully equipped for the day. This includes your planner and a clear pencil case.

Intervention | Support

Recent GCSE Results

During the Summer, the Year 11's received their GCSE results. Their results were exceptional (52% Grade 7-9), and a significant part of their success was down to preparation, organisation a willingness to engage fully in the intervention programme offered at Glenthorne. We are running a similar intervention programme this year to help your child succeed

Intervention | Preparation for GCSE Exams

The initial intervention programme (on the right) is already underway for our current Year 11's. It is vitally important the pupils attend these session provided by staff (enrichment before school, and intervention after school) for core subjects, and some practical based subjects.

Wellbeing

It is in your child's best interest to attend these sessions, as it will prepare your child, improve overall wellbeing by alleviating anxiety as they move closer to their GCSE exams. If your child needs any form of pastoral support, including exam stress, please see Mr Dempster.

Next Steps & Support

In the new year, a structured programme of period 6 lessons (extending the school day) in all subjects will commence and we will notify you of this programme in due course.

If your child has a reflection when they have an intervention session, attending the intervention will count as attending the reflection.

Thank you in advance for supporting your child in attending all the intervention and enrichment sessions

Subjects in red take priority that week for any pupils that clash

Week A	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM Enrichment	Music		English	Science (Timetabled Lesson)	Maths
Lunchtime	Drama Coursework History		Dance Practical		
PM Period 6	Science	Art & Photography Coursework	HSC Coursework	Creative Media & Film Studies Coursework Art & Photography Coursework Textiles Coursework	PE Coursework

Week B	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM - Enrichment	Music		English	Science (Timetabled Lesson)	Maths
Lunchtime	Drama Coursework History		Dance Practical HSC Coursework		
PM - Period 6	Science	Textiles Coursework Art & Photography Coursework	CPD	Creative Media & Film Studies Coursework Art & Photography Coursework	PE Coursework

Key Dates

- **Year 11 Revision Evening:** Wednesday 11th November 2026 (HOY/AHOY)
- **Year 11 Mock Exams:** 1st – 18th December 2026
- **Year 11 Mock Results Ceremony:** Friday 15th January 2027 (Year team)
- **Year 11 Parents Evening:** Wednesday 20th January 2027
- Launch P6 Revision Programme with pupils in Y11 Assembly WC 26th Jan · P6 revision programme starts · Follow up P6 launch in Y11 tutor time ATU/SDE SDE/AHOY Y11 Tutors
- **Year 11 PPE Exams:** 8th – 26th February 2027 (half term in between)
- **Year 11 GCSE Exams:** 1st March ONWARDS
- **Year 11 Guidance Evening:** Thursday 18th March 2027 (HOY/AHOY) – Exam TT
- **Work Experience:** 28th June – 2nd July 2027

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Aspirations Week | July 2026

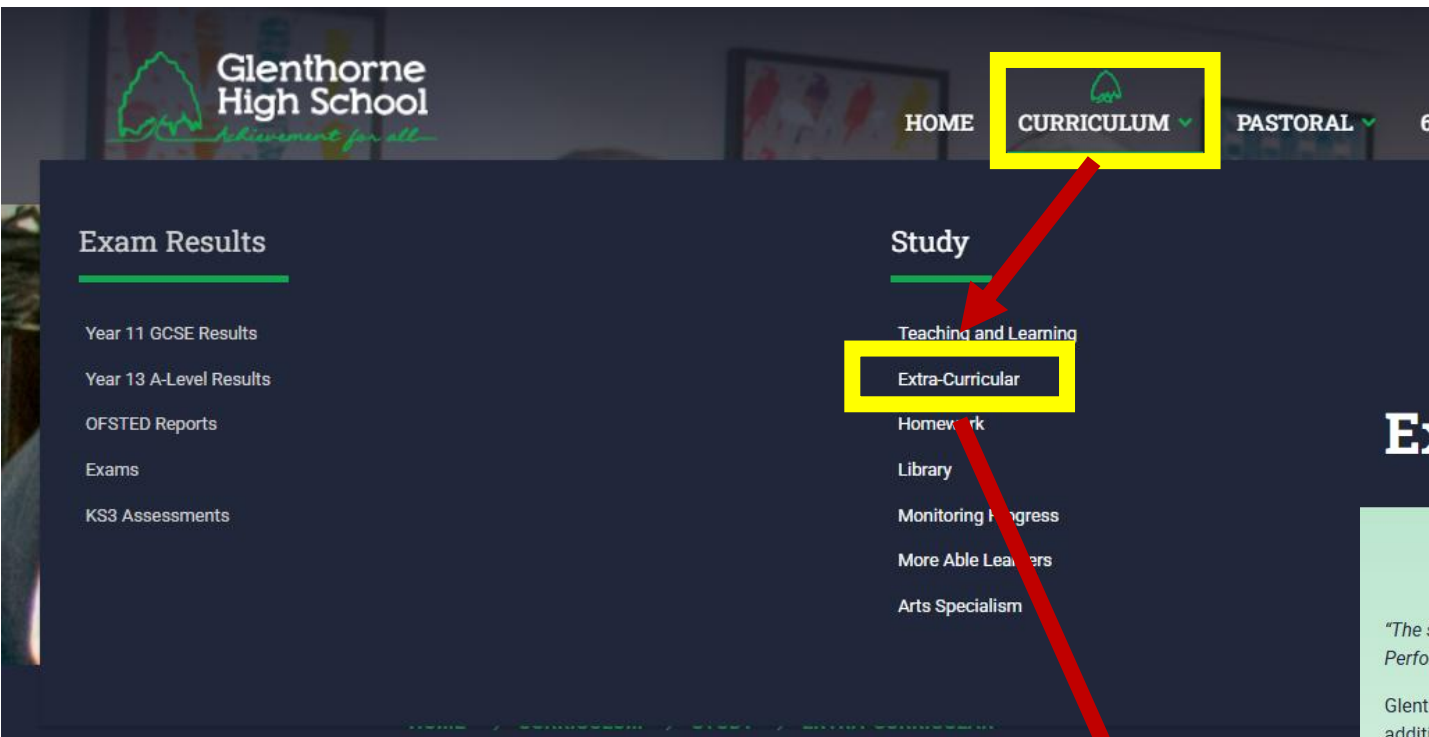


Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs)

- Year 10 students spent a week completing PPEs in the hall for their core subjects, providing a realistic experience of GCSE exam conditions ahead of next year's examinations. The assessments also allowed teachers to identify students' strengths and gaps in knowledge, helping to inform support and curriculum planning as they begin Year 11 in September.

Aspiration Days

- On Thursday and Friday, students took part in a range of workshops led by professionals from different career sectors, helping them learn about future education and employment opportunities. They explored CV writing, apprenticeships, career pathways and goal setting, giving them valuable insight into the skills and experiences needed for the world of work.



How to access Extra Curricular and Enrichment Booklet:

1. Visit GHS Website
2. Curriculum
3. Extra-Curricular
4. Download Autumn Booklet PDF

Extra-Curricular

"The school has a great range of extra-curricular activities on offer that I, or anyone can take part in. They also have lots of Performing Arts performances which I love, as well as a huge range of sporting clubs and activities!" – Year 7 Pupil

Glenthorne High School has a long standing tradition of offering high quality enrichment opportunities and activities in addition to the curriculum. These activities are an important and exciting feature of school life and contribute enormously to our pupils' social, moral, spiritual and academic development.

There is an extensive range of extra-curricular activities and enrichment opportunities on offer including exceptional Arts and sporting provision with opportunities to take part in workshops, field trips and research.

We also offer students the chance to immerse themselves in different cultures and experiences through a number of national and international trips and visits. Every academic year we also launch our Challenge week which gives over 200 pupils in Key Stage 3 the opportunity to take on the House camping challenge.

Theatre trips, visits to exhibitions and museums plus excursions to local colleges and universities also occur regularly and provide further opportunities for students to enrich and extend their learning beyond the classroom.

Our school's sporting and Arts provision is impressive, successful and popular. Extra-curricular groups also benefit from working with professional coaches and artists. We also run our own Saturday Performing Arts School (ArtsOne). Details can be found under the Saturday School tab above.

Extra-curricular timetable for Autumn Term 2026 will be updated in the coming weeks.

Extra Curricular and Enrichment School Autumn Booklet

PDF

