

8 October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to begin by thanking you for your continued support and to say how proud we are of the positive start our students have made this academic year. Across all year groups, students have returned with excellent attitudes to learning, strong levels of engagement in lessons and a determination to achieve their very best.

We are looking forward to sharing reports with families throughout the year that reflect the fantastic work, effort and progress students are making in their assessments. These assessments, alongside our formal mock examination programme, provide valuable opportunities for students to demonstrate their knowledge, identify areas for development and prepare effectively for future qualifications.

To help families plan ahead, please find below the key assessment and mock examination dates for this academic year.

Assessment and Mock Examination Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Assessment/Event</u>
23 November - 4 December	Year 11 Mock Examinations (Mock 1)
4 January - 22 January	BTEC Examinations
1 February - 12 February	Year 13 Mock Examinations
22 February - 5 March	Year 11 Mock Examinations (Mock 2)
22 March - 25 March	Key Stage 3 Assessment Window
12 April - 23 April	Year 10 Mock Examinations
4 May - 7 May	Year 9 Mock Examinations
From 10 May	GCSE and A Level Examination Season Begins
7 June - 18 June	Year 12 Mock Examinations

These assessment points are an important part of our cycle of monitoring progress and ensuring that all students receive the support and challenge they need to succeed. The outcomes from these assessments will inform the reports shared with families throughout the year and help us identify where further support or challenge may be required.

Parents' Evenings and Information Events

Parents' Evenings play a vital role in strengthening the partnership between home and school. These events provide an invaluable opportunity to discuss your child's progress, celebrate successes and identify strategies to support future achievement.

We look forward to welcoming families to these events throughout the year. Further details, including booking information, will be communicated separately in advance of each event.

For our examination year groups, we will be holding face-to-face Parents' Consultation Evenings to provide parents and carers with the opportunity to discuss progress, mock examination outcomes and preparation for public examinations in greater detail. The first of our Year 11 Parent Consultations will be online on Thursday 22 October followed by a face 2 face meeting in December.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
10 December 2026	Year 13 Parents' Consultation Evening (Face-to-Face)
4 February 2027	Year 11 Parents' Consultation Evening (Face-to-Face)

All other year group Parents' Evenings throughout the academic year will be held online, allowing parents and carers to meet with subject teachers conveniently from home while continuing to engage fully in discussions about their child's progress and achievement.

We would also like to highlight two important information events taking place during the year.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
19 November 2026	Post-16 Information Evening
25 February 2027	Year 8 into Year 9 Preferences Evening

The Year 8 into Year 9 Preferences Evening will provide students and families with important information regarding curriculum pathways and subject choices for Year 9. The Post-16 Information Evening will support students and families in understanding the range of opportunities available following Key Stage 4.

Supported Study Sessions

In addition to classroom teaching, we are pleased to offer a wide range of supported study sessions after school for students across all year groups. These sessions provide an excellent opportunity for students to consolidate learning, catch up on missed work, seek additional help from subject specialists and develop effective revision habits ahead of assessments and examinations.

We strongly encourage students to take advantage of these opportunities, particularly in the lead-up to mock examinations and formal assessments. Details of all available support sessions can be found on our website: <https://www.brooklandsacademy.com/Student-Support-Sessions/>

Working Together for Success

As we look ahead to the assessment and examination periods, we encourage all students to continue developing positive study habits, completing homework consistently, attending supported study sessions where appropriate and making full use of the support available from their teachers. By working together, we can ensure every student is well prepared and able to achieve their full potential.

Thank you once again for your continued support. We look forward to another successful and rewarding year and to celebrating the achievements of our students with you in the months ahead.

Yours faithfully,

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