



14 November 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 Mocks Final Reminders and Parents' Evening - Thursday 11 December 2025 (4pm-7pm)

As you are aware, your child begins their mock examinations on Monday. It's imperative that they arrive at school for 8.30am, allowing them time to drop off their bags and coats prior to our year group line up at 8.40am. Your child received a reminder of their personalised timetable for this mock series during tutor time yesterday, and it's vital that they ensure that they are familiar with the logistics of this. It's also essential that your child brings the correct equipment each day, including a black pen, pencil, ruler and calculator where needed, and that phones and watches are left in their bags or not brought to school at all. Your child's attendance to school during the mock examinations is crucial and any missed mocks will require a catch up, which may include catch up sessions on our upcoming INSET day, Friday 28 November 2025.

Our mock examinations run exactly like the real exams so your child can get used to the routines and expectations, and so that following these robust assessments we will have the most accurate picture yet of the progress that your child is making across all of their subjects. We will be holding the Year 11 Parents' Evening on Thursday 11 December from 4pm-7pm, timed carefully to follow your child's completion of their mock examinations and give you the opportunity to discuss their progress and gain a clear understanding of both their areas for development and the support on offer.

As you and your child continue to explore post-16 destinations, the parents' evening will also allow you to have conversations with teachers about potential pathways based on their predicted grades, and there will be independent careers advice available on the evening, alongside representation from Heanor Gate Spencer Academy Sixth Form. Members of the inclusion team will also be available should you wish to discuss your child's progress with them.

Appointments will be available from 4pm until 7pm and can be booked online using our Arbor platform. Please book appointments by Friday 28 November 2025, following the instructions below:

- Log into the Arbor app or Arbor website and scroll down to **Parent Consultations**.
- You should then be able to see a list of your child's subjects/teachers available for appointments. As you click on each of these, you will be given a list of available appointments for that teacher. Simply click on the time slot you would like and the appointment will be in the system.
- This can then be repeated for your child's other subjects.

Appointment locations will be split across three of our large spaces and you may find it useful to consider the location of staff when booking your appointments:

Hall	Maths, English, Mrs Wainwright and Inclusion
New Gym	Humanities, DTVA, PEPA & Social Science
Old Gym	Science, MFL, Computer Science and iMedia

If you need any help in making appointments or you cannot access Arbor, please contact info@heanorgatespencer.org.uk

I wish your child the best of luck for their mock examinations over the coming fortnight and I look forward to seeing you on Thursday 11 December.

Yours sincerely

Mr D Bentley
Achievement Leader - Year 11