

11th September 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 11 Revision Programme

As you will undoubtedly be aware, your child has now embarked on the final year at The Barlow RC High and one of the most important years in their educational journey.

Towards the end of this academic year, Y11 pupils will sit public GCSE examinations in all subjects studied. These begin on Friday 7th May 2027.

As teachers and parents, we want every child to achieve examination success and their maximum potential. In order to facilitate this, all pupils must ensure outstanding attendance at school and must now start on their own personal examination revision preparations.

To support this, our teachers will be providing Y11 pupils with an intense bespoke examination revision programme (Big Push) at school over the next few months. The Big Push programme will begin on **Monday 21st September**.

Big Push revision is in addition to normal timetabled lessons and will run from 2:55pm to 3:45pm. This programme is an integral part of your child's preparation for the examinations and, as such, attendance is compulsory.

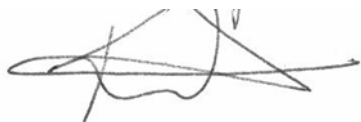
All children are required to attend **every** session. You will receive a text message the following day if your child did not attend the previous night's session. Please note, there are a few dates where sessions will not run due to staff training and we will take a break from Big Push during mock periods to enable your child time to revise independently.

In addition to the support and intervention that will take place in school, I would like to take this opportunity to inform you that Year 11 pupils will be sitting their mock examinations from **Monday 9th November to Monday 23rd November**.

Ahead of the main mock examination period, students will complete one examination in each of the four core subjects—Religious Education, English, Mathematics and Science—on either **Tuesday 6th October** or **Wednesday 7th October**. This will be followed by a four-week interval before they sit their remaining mock examinations.

Research suggests that spacing assessments in this way, by completing a small number of examinations before a short break, helps pupils to prepare more effectively, remain engaged with their revision, and achieve stronger outcomes in their subsequent assessments.

The school wishes Y11 the best of luck as they embark on their journey towards the start of their GCSEs.



Your sincerely,
Mrs K Lamb (Assistant Headteacher)



Big Push 2026 – 2027 (Autumn Term)

Monday <u>Option Z</u>	Tuesday <u>Option Y</u>	Wednesday <u>Option X</u>
Business Studies – Mr Enright <i>All pupils to attend</i>	Art – Miss Catcheside <i>All pupils to attend</i>	Child Development – Mrs Holland <i>All pupils to attend</i>
Engineering – Mr Tilbury <i>All pupils to attend</i>	Business Studies – Mr Enright <i>All pupils to attend</i>	Geography – Mrs Iddon <i>All pupils to attend</i>
Geography – Mrs Iddon & Mr McGonigle <i>All pupils to attend</i>	Computer Science – Miss Fox <i>All pupils to attend</i>	History – Mr Carr <i>All pupils to attend</i>
History – Mr Carr & Mrs Woodward <i>All pupils to attend</i>	Drama – Miss Doherty <i>All pupils to attend</i>	Imedia – Mr Roberts <i>All pupils to attend</i>
Music – Mr Cassidy <i>All pupils to attend</i>	Engineering – Mr Tilbury <i>All pupils to attend</i>	PE – Miss QP & Mr Greenlees <i>All pupils to attend</i>
Spanish – Mrs El Khaddar <i>All pupils to attend</i>	Geography – Mrs Iddon <i>All pupils to attend</i>	Spanish – Mrs El Khaddar, Mrs Heap & Mr Toal <i>All pupils to attend</i>
	History – Mr Hardy <i>All pupils to attend</i>	3D Design – Mrs Evans <i>All pupils to attend</i>
	Photography – Miss Healey <i>All pupils to attend</i>	
	3D Design – Mrs Evans <i>All pupils to attend</i>	
	Food – Miss Wood <i>All pupils to attend</i>	

Sections cancelled due to staff training:

Tuesday 6th October

Wednesday 14th October

Wednesday 4th November

Tuesday 1st December

Big Push break due to November MOCKs:

Monday 9th November to Friday 20th November



