

Period 6 is an extension of the compulsory school day for all Year 11 students and is an important part of our programme of support as students prepare for their GCSE examinations.

Period 6 takes place on **Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, from 3.25pm to 4.05pm**, with students receiving additional teaching and support in **English, mathematics and science**.

- **Approximately 65 additional hours of teaching** are provided to every Year 11 student through Period 6 across the academic year.
- **Attendance at Period 6 is compulsory.** Regular attendance ensures that students benefit from the additional teaching, practice and support provided in English, mathematics and science. Missing sessions can result in gaps in students' knowledge and understanding, which may affect their progress and preparation for examinations.
- **One-off absences**, such as medical appointments or other unavoidable circumstances, should be communicated to the school through the usual absence reporting systems. **Unexplained absence from Period 6 will be treated as truancy** and followed up in line with the school's procedures.
- **Transport home:** We operate a Period 6 bus service to support students who live within the school's normal catchment area and are registered for a Devon County Council school bus pass. Families of students who travel from outside Ilfracombe, or who do not meet these transport criteria, are asked to make alternative arrangements for their child's journey home.
- **Planned breaks:** We recognise the importance of maintaining a sustainable balance for both students and staff. There are therefore planned breaks from Period 6 throughout the academic year. These dates are clearly identified on the **Year 11 Roadmap to Success** and communicated to students and families.

Why Period 6 matters

Our teachers are experts in their subjects, with **strong subject knowledge, a detailed understanding of the GCSE curriculum and examination requirements, and extensive experience of supporting young people to achieve their potential**.

We believe that **high-quality, teacher-led classroom teaching is the most important and impactful support we can provide to our Year 11 students**. Period 6 gives us valuable additional curriculum time to revisit key knowledge, address misconceptions, practise examination skills and provide targeted support where students need it most.

We would therefore greatly appreciate the support of parents and carers in **prioritising and maximising their child's attendance at Period 6 throughout Year 11**. Regular attendance will ensure that students make the most of this additional teaching time and are fully prepared for the demands of their GCSE examinations.