



Finham Park 2 Weekly Newsletter

Headteacher Update

Date: Friday 2nd October 2026



Dates for your diary

5 th October – Yr 7 Coombe Abbey Geography Fieldtrip	8 th October: Reading World Record Event in the Library
8 th October: Year 11 Information Evening in EK 6-7pm	12 th -15 th October: Year 10 Army Residential
13 th October: Year 9 Linguist Event	15 th October: Year 13 UCAS deadline for early entry
19 th October: Yr 7 Coombe Abbey Geography Fieldtrip	20 th October: 6 th Form Debating competition
23 rd October: INSET day (school closed)	26 th – 30 th October – Half term holiday



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Dear Parent and Carer,

Year 11 GCSE Information Evening

Now that we are in Year 11, it is time for students to really “lock in” to the importance of this year. From my experience of many years working with Year 11s – and as a parent of teenage children myself – the earlier students get into good habits, the easier the journey will be and the more likely they are to achieve successful outcomes.

To help with this, we will be holding our Year 11 Information Evening on **Thursday 8th October**. School leaders and key heads of subject will outline the journey ahead, the strategies and expectations we have to support students, and provide key guidance in English, Maths and science. We will also share some top tips for parents to support their child through this challenging but hugely important time.

Thank you again to all parents who attended the recent Meet the Mentor sessions – we hope you found them useful. Further details of the Information Evening will follow, and information will be emailed home directly to Year 11 families.

Finham Park 2



YEAR 11 INFORMATION EVENING

Parents invited • Students welcome



Thursday 8 October



6–7pm



Edwards Keep, Finham Park 2

Supporting achievement & wellbeing

- The year ahead — and beyond
- What your child can do to support achievement and wellbeing
- Subject-specific guidance from senior and middle leaders
- Practical support for study at home over the next 8/9 months



Year 11 and Year 13 mock exams – starting 3rd November

Our Year 11 and Year 13 mock examinations will begin on **Monday 3rd November**. These are a vital part of preparing for the summer exams, giving students the chance to experience exam conditions and test themselves on the content they have been learning.

It is really important that students make a careful note of which papers they are sitting and what content is being assessed. Just as importantly, they should now be developing strong revision habits at home. Practice makes all the difference – students who build good routines during the mocks tend to carry these through to their final exams, which has a huge impact on outcomes. Please support us by encouraging your child to plan their revision, keep to a timetable, and balance work with rest and leisure.

Mock timetables will be released next week, but revision should start now as we only have 4 weeks before they start and the outcomes of this will be an important part of teacher predictions that will go with college and apprenticeship applications in the Spring term. It really matters! If you have any questions about the Year 11 exams, please contact Ms Turner, Deputy Headteacher and Raising Standards Leader, or your child's mentor in the first instance. For Year 13 queries, please contact your child's mentor or Mr Werner, Head of Sixth Form.

Year 11 mocks

November Mocks Year 11						
Exam Date	Board	Subject	Title	Line up	Exam Time	Exam Duration
Week One						
03.11.2026	Edexcel	Art	Photography	All day		5 hours
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Week Two						
09.11.2026	AQA	English	English Language	9.15am	9.30am	1 Hour and 45 Minutes
09.11.2026	WJEC	H&C	Hospitality and Catering	1.10pm	1.25pm	1 hour and 30 minutes
09.11.2026	OCR	Computing	Computer Science	1.10pm	1.25pm	1 hour and 30 minutes
10.11.2026	AQA	Science	Chemistry - Triple	9.15am	9.30am	1 Hour and 45 Minutes
10.11.2026	AQA	Science	Chemistry - Combined	9.15am	9.30am	1 hour 15 minutes
10.11.2026	Edexcel	History	History Paper 1 - The USA, Conflict at home and abroad	1.10pm	1.25pm	1 hour and 20 minutes
11.11.2026	Edexcel	Maths	Maths - Paper 1	9.15am	9.30am	1 hour and 30 minutes
11.11.2026	AQA	Geography	Geography Paper 1	1.10pm	1.25pm	1 hour and 30 minutes
11.11.2026	Edexcel	RE	Religious Education	1.10pm	1.25pm	1 hour and 45 minutes
11.11.2026	OCR	Engineering	Engineering	1.10pm	1.25pm	1 hour and 30 minutes
12.11.2026	AQA	English	English Literature	08:45am	09:00am	2 hour 15 minutes
12.11.2026	Edexcel	Business	Business Studies	1.10pm	1.25pm	1 hour and 45 minutes
13.11.2026	AQA	Science	Physics - Triple	9.15am	9.30am	1 Hour and 45 Minutes
13.11.2026	AQA	Science	Physics - Combined	9.15am	9.30am	1 hour 15 minutes
13.11.2026	Pearson (BTEC)	BTEC Tech Sport	BTEC Tech Sport Paper 1	1.10pm	1.25pm	1 hour
13.11.2026	AQA	MFL	French Higher and Foundation Writing	1.10pm	1.25pm	1 hour
13.11.2026	AQA	MFL	Spanish Higher and Foundation Writing	1.10pm	1.25pm	1 hour
12.11.2026	AQA	MFL	Mandarin Higher and Foundation Writing	1.10pm	1.25pm	1 hour
Week Three						
16.11.2026	Edexcel	Maths	Maths - Paper 2	9.15am	9.30am	1 hour and 30 minutes
16.11.2026	Edexcel	History	History Paper 2 - Anglo Saxon and Norman England	1.10pm	1.25pm	55 minutes
17.11.2026	AQA	MFL	French - Listening and Reading (Higher)	08:45am	09:00am	2 Hours and 15 Minutes
17.11.2026	AQA	MFL	French - Listening and Reading (Foundation)	08:45am	09:00am	1 Hour and 55 Minutes
17.11.2026	AQA	MFL	Spanish - Listening and Reading (Higher)	08:45am	09:00am	2 Hours and 15 Minutes
17.11.2026	AQA	MFL	Spanish - Listening and Reading (Foundation)	08:45am	09:00am	1 Hour and 55 Minutes
17.11.2026	AQA	Geography	Geography Paper 2	1.10pm	1.25pm	1 hour and 30 minutes
18.11.2026	AQA	Science	Biology - Triple	9.15am	9.30am	1 Hour and 45 Minutes
18.11.2026	AQA	Science	Biology - Combined	9.15am	9.30am	1 hour 15 minutes
18.11.2026	Edexcel	Drama	Drama - Theatre Makers in Practice	1.10pm	1.25pm	1 hour and 45 minutes
19.11.2026	Edexcel	Maths	Maths - Paper 3	9.15am	9.30am	1 hour and 30 minutes
19.11.2026	AQA	MFL	Mandarin - Listening and Reading (Higher)	1.10pm	1.25pm	2 Hours and 15 Minutes
19.11.2026	AQA	MFL	Mandarin - Listening and Reading (Foundation)	1.10pm	1.25pm	1 Hour and 45 Minutes
19.11.2026	OCR	iMedia	Creative iMedia Paper 1	1.10pm	1.25pm	1 hour and 30 minutes
20.11.2026						
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Week Three						
23.11.2026	MFL	MFL	MFL Speaking exams		All day	
24.11.2026	MFL	MFL	MFL Speaking exams		All day	



November Mocks Year 13						
Exam Date	Board	Subject	Title	Line up	Exam Time	Exam Duration
Week One						
09.11.2026	OCR	Biology	Biology - Paper 1	9.15am	9.30am	2 hours and 15 minutes
09.11.2026	Edexcel	Business	Business - Paper 1	9.15am	9.30am	1 hour
10.11.2026	OCR	Chemistry	Chemistry - Paper 1	9.15am	9.30am	2 hours and 15 minutes
10.11.2026	AQA	English	English Literature - Paper 1	9.15am	9.30am	3 hours
10.11.2026	AQA	Psychology	Psychology - Paper 1	1.10pm	1.25pm	2 hours and 30 minutes
10.11.2026	OCR	Physics	Physics - Paper 1	1.10pm	1.25pm	2 hours and 15 minutes
11.11.2026	Edexcel	Economics	Economics Paper 1	9.15am	9.30am	2 hours
11.11.2026	OCR	History	History Paper 1 - Crusades	9.15am	9.30am	1 hour
12.11.2026	Edexcel	Maths	Maths - Pure Paper 1	9.15am	9.30am	2 hours
12.11.2026	AQA	Sociology	Sociology - Paper 1	9.15am	9.30am	2 hours
13.11.2026	Edexcel	Maths	Further Mathematics - Uni Course	9.15am	9.30am	
Week Two						
16.11.2026	Edexcel	Maths	Maths - Pure Paper 2	1.10pm	1.25pm	2 hours
16.11.2026	AQA	Sociology	Sociology - Paper 2	1.10pm	1.25pm	2 hours
17.11.2026	Edexcel	Maths	Further Mathematics - Uni Course	1.10pm	1.25pm	
18.11.2026	OCR	Chemistry	Chemistry - Paper 2	1.10pm	1.25pm	2 hours and 15 minutes
19.11.2026	Edexcel	Maths	Maths - Stats and Mechanics	9.15am	9.30am	2 hours
19.11.2026	OCR	Biology	Biology - Paper 2	1.10pm	1.25pm	2 hours and 15 minutes
19.11.2026	Edexcel	Business	Business - Paper 1	1.10pm	1.25pm	2 hours
20.11.2026	AQA	Psychology	Psychology - Paper 2	9.15am	9.30am	2 hours
20.11.2026	OCR	Physics	Physics - Paper 2	9.15am	9.30am	2 hours and 15 minutes
20.11.2026	Edexcel	Economics	Economics Paper 2	1.10pm	1.25pm	1 hour
20.11.2026	OCR	History	History Paper 2 - Civil Rights	1.10pm	1.25pm	2 hours and 30 minutes

A proud family and school moment

We were delighted to hear that former student Reece recently celebrated his passing out parade, attended by his family. This was a very proud occasion for Reece's family and for Finham Park 2. Reece's family expressed their gratitude to the staff who supported and encouraged him during his time at school. Reece personally invited Mr. Jay to share this important day, recognising the significant part he had played in helping him reach this point. It is a wonderful reminder of what our young people can achieve and of the enduring impact that supportive relationships between staff and students can have. We congratulate Reece on his achievement and wish him every success for the future. If other alumni have positive news to share about their journey after Finham Park 2, we would love to hear from you.



Food menu next week: It's week 2 next week.



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WEEK 2 MENU

AUTUMN 2026

Good Food Brighter Days

MAIN MEAL

£2.10

MEAL DEAL

£2.89

MAIN + DESSERT + DRINK

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN Sweet & sour chicken with fried rice VEGETARIAN / VEGAN Quorn sweet & sour with fried rice (VG) 	MAIN Roast turkey Yorkie wrap with roast potatoes VEGETARIAN / VEGAN Cauliflower cheese Yorkie wrap with roast potatoes (V) 	MAIN Beef & lentil Bolognese with spaghetti VEGETARIAN / VEGAN Vegan meatball marinara with spaghetti (VG) 	MAIN Chicken rogan josh with wholegrain rice VEGETARIAN / VEGAN Mushroom & potato curry with wholegrain rice (VG) 	MAIN Salmon & dill fish cake with chunky chips & peas VEGETARIAN / VEGAN Cheese & onion pasty with chunky chips & peas (V) 



DAILY DESSERT SELECTION

Fresh fruit salad • Muffins • Flapjack



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Vegetarian (V) • Vegan (VG)



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MORE CHOICES

Good Food Brighter Days

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Available alongside our weekly main meals

As always, if you need support with any aspect of your child's learning and wellbeing, do not hesitate to contact the school and thank you for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend



Will Keddle
Headteacher BA (Hons), PGCE, NPQH.





School term dates 2026-2027

September 2026

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March 2027

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April 2027

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June 2027

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July 2027

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Finham Park 2 INSET Days

Tuesday 1st September 2026

Friday 23rd October 2026

Monday 4th January 2027 – MAT Conference

Monday 19th July 2027

Tuesday 20th July 2027

Wednesday 21st July 2027

Students last day – Friday 16th July 2027

Term time



Holiday



Bank holiday



Weekend



LA set training day



+ 4 set by the school



Finham Park 2 Year 11 Intervention Timetable (21st September to 23rd October)

Before school intervention 8.10-8.40am

Geography	Tuesday with Ms Jones-Potts Room 221 (Starting 13th October)
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Monday After school 3.10-4pm

Further Maths	Mr Herman	1.17
Art/ Photography	Mrs Eccles/ Mrs Clee	Room 108/109
Engineering	Mrs Asghar	EK02
Physics (Triple and Higher)	Miss Hunter	1.05

Tuesday After school 3.10-4pm

Chemistry	Miss Xaba	Room 205
Spanish Wk 1 only	Mr Wiggins and Mr. Keenan	Room 211 and 212
French Wk 2 only	Ms McHugh	213
Mandarin Wk 2 only	Ms Mansell	218
Photography	Mrs Eccles	Room 107
Drama	Mrs Boulton	Room 233/234
English (X side)	Mrs Jardine	Room G20
Engineering	Mrs Asghar	EK02

Thursday After school 3.10-4pm

Higher Maths	Mr Tinnion and Ms Price	1.14
Foundation Maths	Mr Bland and Mr Herman	1.19
Business	Mrs Klym	Room 120
History	Mrs. McMahon	EK01
Creative iMedia	Mr Rogers	Room 121

Friday After school 3.10-4pm

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Book Recommendations for this week

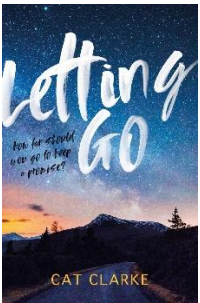
Year 7 + Ben's Gargoyle by Keith Gray



When Ben sees a monstrous gargoyle creeping across the midnight rooftops, he's desperate to tell someone. But Ben feels alone in his new home and is finding it hard fitting in at his new school.

Ben's dad doesn't believe him. He's always angry. He says Ben needs to act his age, stand up to the school bullies and "be a man". But can Ben find the courage to stand up to the biggest bully of all? And every night the gargoyle creeps closer.

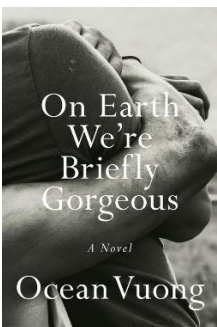
Year 9+ Letting Go by Cat Clarke



When Agnes made a promise to her girlfriend Ellie, she thought they would be together forever. One year later, Agnes is keeping that promise and it's put her in a situation she never could have predicted; climbing a desolate mountain, in miserable weather, with Ellie and her new boyfriend Steve.

But when the weather takes a threatening turn and the sky-high tension between the trio hits its peak, Agnes will have to push herself further than she ever thought was possible.

Staff, Parents & Sixth Form – On Earth we're Briefly Gorgeous by Ocean Vuong



On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous is a letter from a son to a mother who cannot read. Written when the speaker, Little Dog, is in his late twenties, the letter unearths a family's history that began before he was born — a history whose epicenter is rooted in Vietnam — and serves as a doorway into parts of his life his mother has never known, all of it leading to an unforgettable revelation.

At once a witness to the fraught yet undeniable love between a single mother and her son, it is also a brutally honest exploration of race, class, and masculinity. Asking questions central to our American moment, immersed as we are in addiction, violence, and trauma, but undergirded by compassion and tenderness, *On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous* is as much about the power of telling one's own story as it is about the obliterating silence of not being heard.

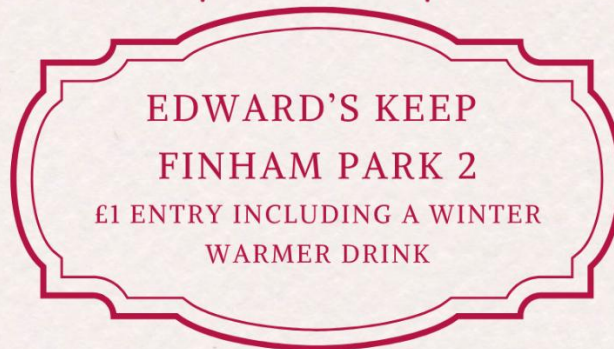
With stunning urgency and grace, Ocean Vuong writes of people caught between disparate worlds, and asks how we heal and rescue one another without forsaking who we are. The question of how to survive, and how to make of it a kind of joy, powers the most important debut novel of many years.





CHRISTMAS FAIR

DEC 3RD | **FP2** | 6-7.30PM



STALLS & MUSICAL PERFORMANCES

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HOSTING A STALL,
PLEASE CONTACT: [J.WYKES@FINHAMPARK2.CO.UK](mailto:j.wykes@finhampark2.co.uk)

Let's celebrate!

