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The Five Islands Academy is an all-age, multi-site, Church of England Academy, serving the island communities of Bryher, St Agnes, St Martin's, St Mary's and Tresco. It is part of the Leading Edge Academies Partnership.

Friday 12th September 2025

Y11 Key Information and Guidance

Dear Parents,

To support the process of preparing students for the year ahead, we have drawn together the information below as a checklist and guide. We've included a few things that have already happened to remind you of the whole process we have in place.

What	When and Where	Responsibility	Outcome
Preparing for Post 16 visit (complete)	Trip to mainland May 2025 including visits to Truro College, Falmouth Marine School and Falmouth University.	Mr Garratt, Mrs Banfield, Ms Stromberg	College taster visits based on broad areas of interest.
Work Experience (complete)	July 2025 - Scilly and mainland.	Students, parents, Mr Garratt, Cornwall County Council (Health and Safety input, risk assessments and insurance).	Real experiences of the workplace, usually linked to potential career aspirations.
Ongoing Post 16 research	Ongoing - at school in the careers library, online using college websites and resources on the school website .	Students and parents.	Students consider and choose their post-16 pathways.
Independent	In school September /	Mr Garratt will set	Students are able to make

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careers interviews with Lindsay Masters, Careers Adviser	October 2025	up the interviews. Students are responsible for attending	appropriate and personal choices based on independent advice and guidance. A document will be produced and emailed to each student to be shared with parents.
College and Careers Convention 2025 workshops	FIA St Mary's Base Thursday 9th - Friday 10th October	Mr Garratt, FIA staff and delegates	Students experience a full two days of workshops and meetings to prepare for post-16 choices and beyond including support with CV writing and college applications.
College and Careers Convention 2025 Delegate Fair	FIA St Mary's Base Thursday 9th October	Mr Garratt, FIA staff and delegates	Students and parents are invited to a Careers exhibition to meet post-16 providers and representatives from the world of work and higher education.
Parent Revision Evening	FIA St Mary's Base and on Teams	Mrs Lewin, Mrs Banfield and Mr Garratt	Students and parents are invited to an early evening introduction to revision techniques and planning.
GCSE Mocks 1	11th - 21st November	Year 11 subject teachers, Exams officer	Students rehearse the process of completing exam papers in exam conditions. Access arrangements will be made where appropriate. Reports with Mocks results will go out to parents in December.
Year 11 Parents' Evening	15th January 2026	Senior Leadership and subject teachers	Parents meet with teachers and tutors to discuss their child's progress in all subjects.
College visits and course selection	Between May 2025 and December 2025 (as a guideline)	Students and parents	Students make applications to appropriate providers for courses they wish to pursue, linked to potential career aspirations.
College application forms and personal statements / CVs	Colleges open applications from October 2025	Students and parents.	To secure an appropriate course.
Applications for bursaries and scholarships	From October 2025 onwards via direct contact with each	Students and parents	To support with financial considerations.

	school or college		
Applications for apprenticeships	Ongoing from September 2025	Students and parents	To secure employment with training.
Mock Exams 2	February 2026	Year 11 subject teachers, Exams officer	Students rehearse the process of completing exam papers in exam conditions. Access arrangements will be made where appropriate.
Book lodgings / accommodation for College	Once a place has been offered.	Parents	Students and parents are confident that students will be able to manage an independent life on the mainland, attend their chosen course regularly and make good progress in their education and training.
Real exams!	May - June 2026 (Exams timetable will be shared by end April 2026)	Year 11 subject teachers, Exams officer	Students complete exam papers in exam conditions. Access arrangements will be made where appropriate.
Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award Expedition	June 2026 Proposed week commencing 22nd June	Ms Stromberg	Eligible students who participate will develop independent living skills including cooking, planning their time and preparing for the trips. This will be an aspirational end of school trip with cultural opportunities built into the Silver D of E experience.
KS4 Results Day	Thursday 20th August 2026	Hosted at Five Islands Academy	Students will share results with the intended FE provider to confirm their place or to secure an alternative. Support available from teachers, the post-16 team and Lindsay Masters.

We hope this gives you a helpful overview of activities and timescales over the next few months and into the next stages of your child's education and training. Please email me if you have any questions or queries that we can help you with.

Yours faithfully,

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