

15 November 2021

To: Year 11 Parents/Carers

Dear Parent/Carer

As you are no doubt aware, the Year 11 mock examinations begin next Monday and will last for two weeks. During this time, your child will sit exam papers in the vast majority of their subjects, in the exam hall and in full exam conditions. This is to prepare them for the Summer exams so they are fully aware of what is expected of them.

Following these exams, teachers will mark and grade the papers and provide feedback to students which should prove valuable in terms of them moving their learning forward. It is vital that your child takes these exams seriously. They should already have been working hard revising for them and this should continue all the way through the exam period. While we hope and are told that all students will sit the exams as normal in the Summer term, over the last two years this guidance has changed considerably and mock exam outcomes have been used to decide final GCSE outcomes, so these, and all assessment pieces from now on, need to be considered as seriously as the final exams.

Below is important information from our exams officer regarding the arrangements for the mock exams and I have attached an overall mock exam timetable to this email for your reference. Please take the time to read through this information with your child so they are fully aware of what is expected of them.

- Students must attend period 1 on Monday 22nd November as normal to be registered. Teachers will register them then bring the class down to the hall except for those students who are being examined in other rooms (these students should already know where they are going).
- Seating will start at the dining hall end of the exam hall and will be in candidate alphabetical order by surname, they will retain the same seat throughout the mock exams.
- Following the first exam, whenever students are scheduled for exams they must report directly to the hall and not go to lessons or morning registration. They will be registered in the exams.
- Students are to leave their bags in lockers as they will during the Summer exams. Those who bring bags with them will need to leave them, at their own risk, on tables in the dining hall.
- Also, please note, we are not loaning equipment to students during mocks, therefore they must come prepared. Again, this is to prepare them for the real exams in the Summer.

We wish all students the very best for these exams.

Yours faithfully



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