



11 October 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Year 11 Mock Exams: 8 - 19 November 2021

Year 11 Mock Exams will be taking place from Monday 8 November 2021. Please see the attached timetable for full details of the exams, dates and times. In most cases, exams will take place in the Sports Hall and Gym in order to help prepare students for their GCSE exams in Year 11.

We would welcome your support in encouraging your child to prepare effectively for the exams. Some suggestions to support your child include:

- Create a revision timetable with your child.
- Build up revision stamina by starting with 30 minutes revision followed by a short break as this will also keep your child focused.

With this in mind, please be aware of the following points:

- Students should attend school as normal on exam days in full school uniform.
- When students are not in exams they will attend their timetabled lessons for that day.
- Equipment such as pens, pencils and calculators will be provided for students at their exam desk.
- Mobile phones and electronic devices **must be switched off** and placed into their school bag prior to the start of exams if brought into school, but should be kept at home if at all possible. Students must not keep them on their person. In the GCSE exams, failing to comply with these rules would result in disqualification by the Exam Boards.

No exams took place in summer 2020 or summer 2021 due to the coronavirus pandemic. As a consequence students who sat GCSE exams in the last 2 years received grades that were school assessed. Whilst the possibility of this happening again this year is slim, it remains a possibility - it is therefore essential that students prepare thoroughly for these exams in case a similar approach was to be used this coming summer. Any poor conduct, rule breaking or bad behaviour during the mock exams could result in an internal or fixed-term exclusions, so it is imperative that students take these exams seriously. Students performing in line with or surpassing their targets in the mock examinations will be rewarded using the school rewards policy.

I hope your child makes the most of this process and prepares in the best way possible to ensure they perform to the best of their ability.

Yours faithfully

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