



07 December 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Year 11 mock examinations January 2023

Further to the mock examination timetable recently sent out to parents please find below arrangements for Year 11 mock examinations in January 2023. Students will undertake full mock examinations from **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023 until Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023**. The Art mock examination dates are now confirmed for Art GCSE students only, please see the table below.

Subject	Date
Full mock series (all subjects)	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2023 – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
GCSE Art mock exam day	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
BTEC Health and Social Care	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> January 2023 external examination*
BTEC Enterprise	Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2023 external examination*
BTEC IT	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2023 external examination*
BTEC Sport	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2023 external examination*

\*Please note, in addition to the mock examinations there are external BTEC examinations taking place which are not mock exams but contribute to the overall grade for the course.

## Full mock examinations 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023 – 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023

The purpose of the January mock examinations is to provide both students and teachers alike with information regarding students' current understanding as well as any gaps in their knowledge across all subjects. It is imperative that students take the mock examinations very seriously both in terms of their preparation and conduct. Subject teachers will be undertaking the marking and moderation of the examinations, with the exception of one Maths and one English paper which will be externally marked by experienced examiners to support with the assurance of grades.

## JCQ regulations

During the core mock examination students will be adhering to the JCQ regulations. As per examination regulations, students must write in black biro and store all equipment in a transparent pencil case. For Mathematics and Science exams students are also required to bring subject specific equipment such as a calculator, ruler and protractor. Regarding electronic devices, in particular mobile phones, these must not be in the possession of the student nor inside the examination room; all such items must be handed in prior to the exam. Under DFE contingency guidance, following the examination marking, student exam papers can be shared with students during feedback lessons but must remain in school.

## Arrangements

As mock examinations will be spread across three weeks for some candidates, study leave will **not** be allowed for students during these examinations. Students are expected to arrive at school for 8.30am each morning and as per their usual routine hand any mobile phones in to tutors to store securely. Students will attend their usual timetable lessons when they do not have an exam. Students will receive further details on these arrangements via assembly and form tutors.

## Support with revision

Further to the core mock examinations in the Autumn Term students will receive a Question Level Analysis (QLA) from Maths, English and Science. The QLA is bespoke to your child and gives a clear indication of topic areas where marks were gained or lost across each exam. Students are able to then focus their revision on those specific areas of development to move them forward and take control of their own learning. This is a new system we have launched this autumn term for students so that we can support them to ensure revision is targeted. We aim to expand this after the January mocks to other subject areas in the spring term. Please do look out for the QLAs your child will be bringing home.

As a reminder, the following are also available to all Year 11 throughout this academic year:

- Log in to GCSEPod for all students using their school email address
- Priority access to the library for Year 11 at lunchtime for quiet study Monday – Friday
- After school access to the library for quiet study 3pm – 4pm Monday – Thursday
- Access to a computer room for revision (room:M120) Monday – Thursday 3pm – 4.15pm
- Our school shop is open for students to purchase revision guides at lunchtime and break time.

Thank you in advance for your support; please do not hesitate to contact myself, your child's form tutor or Mr Boyde should you have any queries regarding your child's mock examinations.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Spencer



Deputy Headteacher

Mr Boyde



Head of Year 11