



17th September 2025

Dear Parent/Carers,

Year 11 November core mock examinations

We are writing to confirm arrangements for the Year 11 core mock examinations that are set to take place between **Monday 3rd November 2025 until Friday 7th November 2025**.

Year 11 students will be sitting mock examinations in **core subjects only** (English, Maths, Science). These examinations will provide students with an understanding of the demands of the GCSEs, as well as providing valuable feedback on their progress in each of the core GCSE subjects. The purpose of the mock examinations is to provide both students and teachers alike with information regarding students' current understanding as well identify any gaps in their knowledge. It is vital that students take the mock examinations very seriously in terms of their preparation and conduct.

Preparation for examinations

- Students have copies of knowledge organisers.
- Students have access to online platforms for revision including Sparx for Maths and Educake for English and Science.
- A revision booklet.
- Our school shop is open each day before school and at breaktime if students would like to purchase revision books or workbooks.

Attendance

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that under regulations, examinations cannot be re-arranged. In order to build resilience for students, it is important that students attend all mock examinations as per their timetable. In the event that your child is too unwell to attend, we ask for medical evidence to support with this. For students with medical evidence and under exceptional circumstances, we may be able to arrange an alternative time for your child to sit this examination. However, please bear this is not something that will take place in the summer external examinations.

For students who would like to arrive early on the day of their mock examinations, we will be opening the B block foyer for Year 11 to have a quiet space from 8 a.m. until 8.20 a.m. We will also be offering a light breakfast snack.

Formulae and equation sheets

We will be providing formulae and equation sheets in this set of core mock examinations in November for all Year 11 students. This is because students will have access to them in their final examinations.

Examination timetable

Please find attached a copy of the examination timetable. Students should arrive at their allocated venue at **8.25am** for a prompt start. Please note that most examinations take place in the sports hall, but some students

and some specific examinations will take place in other venues. It is important that students check on their timetable where they are sitting each exam. Students will receive their own individual timetables, with seat number, from their form tutors. It is important that students know their own seat number before they arrive to their examination to ensure each examination starts smoothly.

JCQ regulations

During all mock examinations students will be adhering to the JCQ regulations. We will be providing all students with a copy of the **Information to Candidates** booklet which will require students to sign and return a candidate confirmation form.

As per examination regulations:

- Students must write in black pen.
- Students are not permitted to wear a watch in the examination room.
- Students will need to bring a transparent pencil case or clear plastic bag containing their equipment.
- Students are permitted to take a bottle of water into examinations, but this must be in a clear bottle with no labels or writing on.
- Mobile phones, tablets and smart watches are not permitted in the exam room, should be switched off and handed in.

Please ensure your child arrives each day with the following:

- Black pen x 2
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Calculator
- Protractor
- Highlighters
- Transparent pencil case or clear plastic bag

Thank you in advance for your support during this mock examination time for your child. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's form tutor or Head of Year should you have any queries relating to your child's mock examinations.

Yours faithfully,



Mr L Taylor
Head of Year 11



Mr S Wilson
Deputy Headteacher