



5th October 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 core mock examinations

Further to our communication in the summer term, we are writing to confirm the timetable for Year 11 core mock examinations that are set to take place after October half term.

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. Furthermore, it is the results of the mock examinations in Year 11 that students will use in Sixth Form applications. It is imperative that students take the mock examinations very seriously in terms of their preparation and conduct. To assure grades and marking of key subjects in this exam series, some of the papers for Maths, Science and English will be externally marked by experienced qualified examiners. This process will ensure we are confident with our current attainment grades and make any relevant adaptations to the curriculum to ensure students have the knowledge required.

Examination timetable

Please find attached to this letter a copy of the examination timetable. Students should arrive at their venue at 8.25am for a prompt start.

Students will be receiving their own individual timetables with seating 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 core mock examinations students will be adhering to the JCQ regulations. As per examination regulations, students must write in black biro. 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 on.

Required equipment:

Black biro x 2
Pencil
Ruler
Calculator
Protractor
Highlighters (optional)

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.

Mr Snowdon



Head of Year 11

Mrs Spencer



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Deputy Headteacher