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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 Mock Examinations

I am writing to outline arrangements for Year 11 mock examinations your child will be undertaking this academic year.

There are two planned mock examination windows this academic year:

1. Core mock examinations **31st October 2022 – 4th November 2022** (English, Maths and Science)
2. Full mock examination series **9th January 2023 – 20th January 2023**

In addition to these two windows there are subject specific mock examinations that will take place at a time that best supports students to prepare fully for external exams. Please see the table below for further details:

Subject	Date
Maths	31 st October 2022 – 4 th November 2022
English	
Science	
BTEC IT mock	1 st December 2022 (mock) 1 st February 2023 (external*)
BTEC Enterprise mock	1 st December 2022 (mock) 31 st January 2023 (external*)
BTEC Health and Social Care mock	1 st December 2022 (mock) 30 th January 2023 (external*)
BTEC Sport mock	2 nd December 2022 (mock) 6 th February 2023 (external*)
Speaking mock exam (Spanish/Italian/French)	Week beginning 8 th December 2022
Full mock series (all subjects)	9 th January 2023 – 20 th January 2023
Art mock exam day	To be confirmed by class teacher – January 2023

*Please note these are external examinations

Core mock examinations 31st October 2022 – 4th November 2022

After half term your child will be sitting their first set of Year 11 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 your child's progress in each of their core GCSE subjects. The purpose of the examinations is to provide both students and teachers alike with information regarding students' current understanding as well as gaps in their knowledge. Furthermore, it is the mock examinations in Year 11 that inform teachers when providing predicted grades to support college or sixth form applications. It is imperative that students take the mock examinations very seriously both in terms of their preparation and conduct. To assure grades and marking of key subjects in this exam

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series exam papers for Maths, Science and English Language will be externally marked by experienced examiners. This process will ensure we are confident with our predictions and allow leaders of those subjects to make any relevant adaptations to the curriculum to ensure students have all of the knowledge required.

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. 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 where they will be kept securely by invigilators.

Study leave

As this will be an intensive week of mock examinations for students together with our Sixth Form open evening, we have taken the decision to allow study leave for students. Study leave will enable students to have additional time at home to revise during the afternoon in preparation for the following exam. Students are not expected to be in the community at this time but at home to prepare for their examinations. Students will receive further details via assembly and form tutors closer to the examination period. Should you wish your child to remain in school to revise in the afternoon please contact Mr Boyde at Year11@mrus.co.uk.

Support with revision

To support students with preparation for their mocks exams I can confirm the following are available to all Year 11 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
- Higher/Foundation Maths revision on Friday (room:101/105) Friday 3pm – 4pm
- Lunch time Maths revision Monday, Thursdays and Fridays (room:105)
- 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.

I thank you in advance for your support and cooperation; please do not hesitate to contact myself 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