



25th November 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Year 11 mock examinations January 2025

Further to the mock examination timetable recently sent out to parents, please find below arrangements for Year 11 mock examinations in January 2025. Students will undertake full mock examinations from **Friday 10th January 2025 until Wednesday 29th January 2025.**

Those students studying vocational subjects will complete assessments for these after February half term. More details will follow in the new year.

Full mock examinations

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. Please find a full timetable for the January mock examinations attached.

JCQ regulations

During all mock examinations students will be adhering to the JCQ regulations. Last half term we provided all students with a copy of the Information to Candidates booklet which is also available on the school website. Please refer to this booklet prior to the mock examinations and support your child to read all of the information carefully. As per JCQ examination regulations, students must write in black biro. 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.

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. You will be able to see these reports within the Pupil Progress App. 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. 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:

- Educake for Science and English
- Sparx for Maths
- 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, 3pm-3.30pm Fridays.
- Our school shop is open for students to purchase revision guides at lunchtime and break time.

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Revision breakfast

During the mock examinations the foyer in B block is open for Year 11 students only at 8am to be able to access the toilets and a quiet space to prepare. The year team will also offer a drink and breakfast bars. Science and English will be delivering a 'Breakfast Revision Session' in the Drama Hall on the mornings that this is the first examination, if your child would like to attend.

The sessions will run as follows:

Friday 10th January 2025: Biology

Monday 13th January 2025: English Language

Thursday 16th January 2025: Chemistry

Monday 20th January 2025 2025: English Literature

Tuesday 21st January 2025: Physics

Thank you in advance for your support; please do not hesitate to your child's form tutor or Mrs Elvin should you have any queries regarding your child's mock examinations

We ask you to please support us to ensure your child arrives each day with the following:

- Black biro x 2
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Calculator
- Protractor
- Pair of compasses
- Highlighters (optional)
- Transparent pencil case or clear plastic bag

Under DFE contingency guidance, following the examination marking, student exam papers can be shared with students during feedback lessons but must remain in school.

Mobile phones

Within JCQ regulations students must hand in any mobile phones, airpods, other electronic devices into the desk pouch for invigilators to collect during external examinations. As this will be mock examinations, we will continue with our school policy of students handing in their mobile phones to their tutor.

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.

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 8.25am 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.

Attendance

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that under regulations, examinations cannot be re-arranged. Therefore, in order to build resilience for students and the experience of the examination period, it is important that students attend all mock examinations as per their timetable. In the event that your child is too unwell to attend school for an examination, 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 in mind this is not something that will take place in any external examinations. We understand this is a pressured time for students and students would prefer to sit their examinations when they are feeling at their best. However, as we are training students to build resilience as we get closer to the external examinations, please note that the following examples are not acceptable reasons to not attend an examination: a headache, period pains, a cold, generally unwell, nervous about examinations. If your child is not feeling their best the morning of any examinations, please do contact the school so that we can put support in place for your child. Alternatively, please do contact your child's tutor in advance if you have any concerns around your child ahead of mock examinations.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mrs Spencer', written in a cursive style.

Mrs Spencer
Deputy Headteacher