



Monday 18th October 2021

Dear Parent or Carer,

Year 11 Mock Exams: 29th November – 10th December 2021

As we move into the second half of the Autumn term, we would like to take this opportunity to provide some guidance and support in preparing students for their upcoming mock examinations. The mock examination timetable is attached to this letter.

Revision Support

- Students will be provided with an **introduction** to the mock examination process in the week beginning **Monday 1st November**.
- **Revision booklets** will be given to students on **Monday 8th November**. Within this booklet, you will find an overview of revision techniques as well as specific details and information from each of their exam subjects. An electronic version of the booklet will also be available on the school website. This complements work that has been taking place in PSHE and Form time throughout Years 10 and 11.
- On **Wednesday 10th November** we have an **external speaker**, Michele Miller, who will be guiding students through specific memory techniques and strategies that they can take away and apply to their mock preparation.
- **Parent information evening**: We would like to invite all Year 11 parents to attend an after-school event with Michele on Wednesday 10th November, where she will be providing specific tips for parents in supporting young people with revision and the examinations process. We will provide more detail on this event nearer the time.

Mock Examination Weeks

The mock examination weeks are structured to best prepare students for their summer examinations. Students will be expected in school for all exams. When not taking part in an exam, students are encouraged to use their time appropriately. Support and independent revision sessions will be provided within school, each day, for students to carry out structured revision or if they need to use the school transport home. Where this is not the case, students are welcome to return home once they have completed their examinations for that day.

The government has recently been running a consultation about what to do in the unlikely event that exams have to be cancelled next summer. The details are yet to be finalised, but it is likely that a process would be put in place that is similar to last summer, whereby teachers were asked to consider evidence produced by students over a period of time.

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With that in mind, it is important that students are made aware now, that the evidence 'bundle' created for each subject would include their performance in these mock exams. They would not be the final and only piece of evidence, but a contribution to a final grade.

It is therefore absolutely vital that students take these mock exams seriously and give their very best effort. We believe that the package of support in place and the timetable we have produced gives students the best opportunity to do that.

We ask for your support in helping the students through this time.

Yours faithfully,



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