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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Year 11 Mock Examinations Monday 2nd November – Friday 13th November 2026

To prepare our year 11 students for the summer examination period, we have planned mock examinations which will start on Monday 2nd November. The mock examinations play a vital role in preparing students for their final GCSE examinations and should be approached with rigour and focus. The process of revision and mock examinations helps students to improve on their prior knowledge and skills. It is also an opportunity for students to gauge their current progress.

Your child will also receive an individual copy of their timetable which will also be published on the school website. Your child should check this carefully. All examinations will be overseen by invigilators and will take place in the Sports Hall. This allows students to have a full experience of what the public examinations will be like in the summer. As has always been the case, there will be no study leave. Students will return to their lessons after they finish their exams.

Leading up to and during the exam period, it is essential you encourage your child to spend time revising at home. We ask that you encourage your child to complete 2–3 hours of independent revision each evening. Each student will be given topics to research and revise by their teachers and they should spend time completing the work in a quiet space at home. Consistent and focused revision at home will make a significant difference to their confidence and performance in the mocks.

It is vital students arrive to all examinations on time, so they are prepared. If students have a **morning examination**, they should arrive at school at **8.30am** and report to Cedar Hall. **Afternoon examinations** will begin at **1.30pm** which means some exams may finish after the official end of the school day. If students have afterschool commitments, it is vital they are rearranged. If students arrive late, there may be a possibility that they will not be able to sit that exam which could result in not receiving a grade.

Please be aware that students should attend all examinations in full school uniform and bring the appropriate equipment. This includes a clear pencil case and at least two black pens. The Mathematics and Science departments will inform students when a calculator is required. Please remember that mobile phones are not permitted in examination rooms. If your child brings a basic mobile phone to school, it must be switched off and kept securely in their bag. Watches of any kind are not permitted in examinations, and students found wearing them may be subject to examination regulations. Full examination expectations are attached.

To help maintain the integrity of the examination process, we may use mobile phone detection wands during the mock examinations to ensure compliance with examination regulations and to support a fair environment for all students.



Please also take note of the following key upcoming dates:

- **Sixth Form Open Evening:** *Thursday 12th November, 4.00–6.30pm*
This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about the courses and pathways available to your child after Year 11 at Greatfields Sixth Form
- **Year 11 Parents' Evening:** *Thursday 3rd December, 3.30-6.30pm*
This will be a very important occasion, as you will have the opportunity to discuss your child's mock exam results and progress with subject teachers.

Please support us in ensuring your child is fully prepared for these exams. As always, if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me or Ms Adeniyi.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mrs R Lashley Allen

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Head of Year 11