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Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 11 Mock Examinations: Friday 13th November – Wednesday 26th November

As Year 11 students enter an important stage of their GCSE studies, I am writing to inform you that our Year 11 Mock Examinations will take place from **Friday 13th November until Wednesday 25th November**.

These examinations are an important opportunity for students to experience GCSE-style examination conditions, demonstrate their current knowledge and understanding, and identify areas where further improvement is required before the summer examination series.

Attendance During Mock Examinations

Excellent attendance throughout the mock examination period is vitally important. Students should attend school every day and arrive punctually, fully prepared for each examination.

Due to the number of examinations taking place and the limited time available within the mock examination period, we have very limited opportunities to reschedule examinations that are missed through absence. In most circumstances, students who miss a mock examination will be unable to sit it at a later date and, as a result, may not receive a grade for that examination.

We therefore ask parents and carers to support us by ensuring that, wherever possible, students attend school throughout the entire mock examination period. If your child is genuinely too unwell to attend, normal school absence procedures should be followed.

Students attending the Year 11 Drama trip on Wednesday 25th November will have arrangements made to ensure that all their mock examinations are completed before they depart for the trip.

Revision and Preparation

Effective preparation will make a significant difference to students' confidence and performance. Students should now be undertaking regular, focused revision across all their subjects, rather than leaving preparation until immediately before each examination.

We strongly encourage every Year 11 student to attend as many interventions as possible in the build-up to mock exams and create a revision timetable that:

- breaks revision into manageable sessions;
- allocates appropriate time to each GCSE subject;
- prioritises topics that require further development;
- includes regular practice of examination questions and past papers;
- builds in appropriate breaks and time away from studying.

Students should also make full use of the online learning and revision resources provided by school. These resources can support independent study, reinforce classroom learning and allow students to practise key knowledge and skills at home. Students should use the relevant online platforms for each of their subjects alongside materials and guidance provided by their teachers. This can be found on our website under [Online Learning](#).

Year 11 Mock Examination Timetable

		FIRST EXAM 9.00AM (Y11 goto 2nd Break at 11.15am)	AFTERNOON EXAM 1.10pm (Exams start straight after lunch)
Fri	13th November	RE Paper 1 1hr 30	History (Crime and Punishment) 1hr20 or Geography Paper 1 1hr30
Mon	16th November	Maths Paper 1 1hr 30	Drama 1hr 45
Tue	17th November	Combined Biology 1hr15 and Triples Biology 1hr45	History (Germany) 1hr30
Wed	18th November	English Language Paper 1 - 19th Century non-fiction and transactional writing - 1hr 55	Spanish Writing 1h20
Thurs	19th November	Maths Paper 2 1hr30	RE Paper 2 1hr (Judaism)
Fri	20th November	Combined Chemistry 1hr15 and Triples Chemistry 1hr45	History (Anglo Saxons) 55mins or Geography Paper 3 45 mins
Mon	23rd November	Combined Physics 1hr15 and Triples Physics 1hr45	Spanish Listening and Reading 2hr (1hr each paper) (Drama Hall and Sporthall)
Tue	24th November	Maths Paper 3 1hr 30	Computer Science Paper 1 1hr30 or Dance 1hr or Food 1hr45 or NCFE Cookery 1hr30 or Year 10 English Literature (for those on London trip)
Wed	25th November	Year 10 / Year 11 resit - English Literature Paper 1 - Macbeth and An Inspector Calls - 1hr 45	Sport Studies 1hr 20

We greatly appreciate your support in ensuring that your child approaches these examinations positively and is fully prepared. A combination of excellent attendance, structured revision, effective use of our online learning resources and a determined approach will give students the best possible opportunity to demonstrate what they are capable of achieving.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to help our Year 11 students achieve the best possible outcomes.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Nutman
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