



# Rayner Stephens

H I G H S C H O O L

23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020

Dear Families,

As we approach the end of the first half term of Year 11 I thought that I would take the opportunity to contact you to update you on the current situation regarding GCSE/ examinations. The latest Government guidance released last week is that full examinations will go ahead in summer 2021, but will be delayed by three weeks until 7<sup>th</sup> June to allow for extra learning. However bearing in mind the time lost during lockdown most exam boards have made reductions in the amount of material learners will be questioned on. Changes to individual subject exam specifications can be found on the website by visiting the Year 11 information evening and clicking on the individual subjects that your child is studying.

Although we are planning for summer exams we are also acutely aware that this is an ever changing situation and at any point we could find ourselves back in lockdown with learner's results being determined by Centre Assessed Grades. In order to place learners in the strongest position possible should CAG be required we cannot wait until the scheduled mock exams in February. Consequently we have introduced extra mock exams to provide us with more opportunities to monitor progress and to plot an improvement trajectory that we can use to create CAGs. I will send a full updated school calendar out early in the next half term, however the Mock examinations will be run weeks commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 18<sup>th</sup> January and 15<sup>th</sup> March.

Straight after half term our Year 11 learners will start their first Mock Exams. These exams will run for a period of two weeks and will finish on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November. The timetable for these exams can be found overleaf. All learners have been informed of the upcoming exams and know what is expected of them during the exams.

All core exams will be run formally in the Sports Hall with Option subjects being completed during lesson time. Exams will start promptly at the given start time so we would ask that you ensure your child arrives in school on time each day and that you try to avoid making any appointments during the school day which may result in your child missing an exam. In order to fit exams into two weeks and to reduce the loss of classroom learning some exams are scheduled to finish later than the official school time of 2.45pm. It is expected that all learners will stay to finish their exams. This is important as these mock exams will form the first evidence base for any required Centre Assessed Grades.

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Due to the current situation we are unable to provide learners with spare equipment for their exams. All learners will need a black pen, pencil, compass, protractor, ruler, highlighter and scientific calculator in a see through pencil case.

Mobile phones and smart watches are strictly prohibited in the exam hall, and if a learner is found with one in an actual GCSE exam, it can lead to them failing that and subsequent exams. With that in mind, we would appreciate your support in making sure your child knows the importance of switching off their mobile phone/smart watch and leaving it in their bag.

Thank you for you continued support with getting your child exam ready, if you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's form teacher, Learning leader or myself.

Yours sincerely,

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

Mr S Morris  
Assistant Headteacher

## Year 11 Mock Examination Timetable

### Week 1 (Red): Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November

Exam Candidates must be lined up in the yard by **8:50 am, 11:15am** and **12:45 pm**.  
Candidates will be given their room and seat numbers, which will also be displayed.

<b>Register 8.45 – 8.50</b>	<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November</b>
<b>Morning 09.00</b>	Maths Paper One (1hr 30mins)	English Language (1hr 45mins)	English Literature (1hr)	Science Paper One Biology (1hr 15 mins Combined, 1hr 45mins Triple)	<b>Normal Lesson</b>
<b>Registration (10.45-11.00)</b>	<b>Registration</b>	<b>Registration</b>	<b>Registration</b>	<b>Registration</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>BREAK (11.00 – 11.15)</b>	<b>Break</b>	<b>Break</b>	<b>Break</b>	<b>Break</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>11:15 - 13:15</b>	Period 3 lesson	Maths Paper Two (1hr 30mins)	Maths Paper Three (1h 30mins)	Period 3 lesson	Period 3 lesson
<b>LUNCH (13.15 – 13:45)</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
<b>Afternoon  13:45</b>	<b>Normal lesson</b>	French Writing (1Hr)  <b>Late finish for learners sitting this exam. Approx. 2.55pm</b>	Hospitality and catering (1hr30mins)  <b>Late finish for learners sitting this exam approx. 3.15pm</b>	<b>Normal lesson</b>	<b>Normal lesson</b>

## Week 2 (Blue): Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November

Exam Candidates must be lined up in the yard by **8:50 am, 11:15am** and **12:45 pm**.  
Candidates will be given their room and seat numbers, which will also be displayed.

Register 8.45 – 8.50	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> November
<b>Morning</b>  09.00	Statistics Paper 1 (1h 30mins)	<b>Normal Lesson</b>	<b>Normal Lesson</b>	<b>Normal Lesson</b>	<b>Normal Lesson</b>
<b>Registration</b> (10.45-11.00)	<b>Registration</b>	<b>Registration</b>	<b>Registration</b>	<b>Registration</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>BREAK</b> (11.00 – 11.15)	<b>Break</b>	<b>Break</b>	<b>Break</b>	<b>Break</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>11:15 – 13:15</b>	History (1hr 30mins) Geography (1hr 30mins)	Science Paper Two - Chemistry (1hr 15mins Combined, 1hr 45mins Triple)	Statistics Paper 2 (1hr 30 mins)	Period 3 lesson	Period 3 lesson
<b>LUNCH</b> (13.15 – 13:45)	<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
<b>Afternoon</b>  13:45	French Reading (1hr)  <b>Learners sitting this exam will finish slightly later today at approx. 2.55pm.</b>	Geography Paper Two (1hr 30 mins)  <b>Learners sitting this exam will finish slightly later today at approx. 3.20 pm.</b>	Science Paper Three – Physics (1hr 15mins Combined, 1hr45mins Triple)  <b>Learners will finish school later today. Approx. 3pm Combined, 3.30pm Triple</b>	<b>Normal Lessons</b>	<b>Normal Lessons</b>