

# St Joseph's Catholic Academy

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

## RE: Term 1 Mock Examinations

At St Joseph's Catholic Academy, we are committed to helping every child achieve their potential. As part of this commitment, all Year 11 and Year 13 students will be sitting mock examinations in the weeks of **1st December 2025 and 8th December 2025**.

It is important that all students are fully prepared for these examinations as they will be used to inform staff and students of progress towards their target grades and may act as evidence for Teacher Assessed Grades should they be required. The mock results will be analysed to highlight any areas of improvements that students need to be addressed. To help in their preparations, students will receive:

- a personalised exam timetable (on Arbor);
- a revision plan;
- links to support with revision for each subject (on MS Teams and school website);
- general revision support available on the school website;
- materials for revision from their class teachers.

Please encourage your child to persevere with their studies, support them with their exam preparations and try their best with mock examinations. We know from experience that students who invest time wisely and take control of their learning at this stage perform better in their final examinations.

Students must bring a black pen, pencil, eraser and ruler to each exam. They must also bring a calculator to exams where it is required. Students must not bring mobile phones, watches or any notes/paper into the exam room. We expect students to behave as they will in the summer exams and it is essential that they do not communicate in any way with other students in the exam room.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that we are hosting a study skills event for students in Year 11 and their parents to attend on Thursday 6th November. This is the first week back after half term and only 4 weeks ahead of the mock examinations. The evening will be mainly interactive with a number of short 15-minute sessions focussing on study techniques and practices that work in different subjects as well as a session from the South Tyneside Health Minds Team on coping with exam stress.

Thank you for your continued support,

Yours sincerely,

  
**Mr MA Simpson**  
Assistant Headteacher (Curriculum & Data)

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