

3rd March 2022

Dear Parents,

Year 11 Practice Examinations - March 2022

Please find attached the timetable for the second set of Year 11 Practice Examinations which will commence on Wednesday 16th March and end on Friday 25th March. The normal school timetable will run during this period and any students not sitting examinations will be in lessons. During the exam period students in lessons are expected to have revision materials with them and may be permitted to prepare for exams during lesson time at the teacher's discretion.

You will be aware that very few subjects now have a coursework element and the majority are assessed through at least two final examinations. Similar to the December Practice Examinations, the second set of Practice Examinations are intended to give pupils a realistic experience of final exams, including the use of external invigilators and application of the JCQ exam regulations. All examinations shown on the timetable will take place in the Sports Hall or an allocated examination room. Some subjects will be conducting their examinations in classrooms during lesson time, these are not shown on the timetable.

Unlike the December Practice Examinations, *there will not* be a 'brown-envelope' results day. The results from these examinations will be used diagnostically by our staff to identify the areas in which our students need strategic support prior to the commencement of the final examinations on Monday 16th May.

The conduct and attitude of our students was excellent during the December Practice Examinations and it is vitally important that they continue to positively engage with the March Practice Examinations and prepare for them as they would for their final examinations. Our teachers, House Progress Leaders and the pastoral teams will be supporting students throughout both this Practice Exam period and as we approach the GCSE examinations in the summer. However, if you have any concerns, as always, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Our teachers look forward to discussing your son's / daughter's progress with you at Year 11 Parents' Evening on Thursday 10th March. Bookings are now open on SchoolCloud: https://tarleton.schoolcloud.co.uk/

Yours faithfully,

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