

Dear Parent / Carer

Year 11 Mock Examinations February/March 2023

As part of the ongoing preparation for the Summer GCSE Exams, from Wednesday 1 March is an important time for all students in Year 11 as they will be sitting their Mock Examinations. I know you will want to support your son/daughter at this critical time and therefore I have provided an examination timetable to assist you with this.

These assessments will give teachers vital information on areas of strengths, weakness and misconceptions at an individual level and will enable students to be supported sufficiently as they prepare for the summer GCSE exams. It will also be a useful opportunity for students to experience a formal assessment, something they need to rehearse in formal situations so as to prepare for their final examinations. It is therefore important that the examinations are approached by all students with all seriousness to ensure maximum benefit from the experience. It is therefore very important to ensure good attendance at this time: students need to make every effort to be in school.

In advance, we expect students to prepare fully for these examinations and trust you will make every effort to assist your son / daughter over the coming days. On the days themselves it is important that students:

- Have enough sleep the night before their exams
- Have a full set of equipment to enable them to sit the examination,
- Arrive for the examination on time.
- We encourage students to bring a bottle of water with them to exams as we will not be supplying water for mocks unlike for the summer exams. This bottle must not have a label and be clear so that you are able to see through it.

JCQ, who oversee all exams across the country, have now stated that no mobile phones/watches of any sort are allowed in any exam room. Therefore, we will be asking students to either leave their phones and watches at home or they will be asked to place their phones and watches into a plastic wallet at the start of the exam. These wallets will then be locked securely in cupboards in the exam rooms or the exams office. The academy will take no responsibility for any damage caused to these items.

If you have any questions with regards to this, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks in advance for your support.

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