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Dear parents and carers

January Mock Examinations

When we return in January, we will be heading into our second set of mock examinations, commencing the week of 12 January. The timetable is as below, and we will be running masterclasses after school each day to prepare students for the following exam. All core subjects are in the morning to ensure the students can maximise their outcomes in english, maths and science. Each day, there will be an 8am subject masterclass led by the head of department. This is the perfect pre-exam briefing and in previous years we have seen students who attend these increase their outcomes greatly.

Morning exams will always start at 9am and afternoon exams will start at 1pm. Those with an afternoon exam will have an early lunch on that day. During lunchtime in the mock exam period, we will have specialist well-being and mental health support in the counsellor's room. Students are invited to use that space as a calm environment where they can also get invaluable support with coping strategies.

Date	Morning Exam	Afternoon Exam
Mon, 12 Jan 2026	English Literature Paper 1	GCSE PE Paper 1 & Drama
Tue, 13 Jan 2026	Maths Paper 1	History Paper 1
Wed, 14 Jan 2026	English Literature Paper 2	French Reading and Listening
Thu, 15 Jan 2026	Biology	Geography Paper 1
Fri, 16 Jan 2026	Maths Paper 2	History Paper 2
Mon, 19 Jan 2026	English Language Paper 1	GCSE PE Paper 2
Tue, 20 Jan 2026	Chemistry	Geography Paper 2
Wed, 21 Jan 2026	English Language Paper 2	Spanish Reading and Listening
Thu, 22 Jan 2026	Maths Paper 3	History Paper 3
Fri, 23 Jan 2026	Physics	French & Spanish Writing
Mon, 26 Jan 2026	French & Spanish Speaking	
Tue, 27 Jan 2026	French & Spanish Speaking	
Wed, 28 Jan 2026	Further Maths	
Thu, 29 Jan 2026	Catchup exams	

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Please join us for one of our remaining parent workshops which are tailored around the Year 11 exam schedule. Each session will be at 6pm and will be on Microsoft TEAMs. The workshop will be for around 15-20 minutes so that the information comes in a bitesize chunk. Parents who attended have told us that these have really helped them to support their child with home learning.

Date	**Workshop**
Tuesday 6 January	How to help your child cope in the mock exam period
Tuesday 13 January	How to revise for GCSE English
Tuesday 20 January	How to revise for GCSE Maths
Tuesday 27 January	How to support students in 'vocational' subjects

All Year 11s will be going home this Christmas with a 'memorisation' resource pack. Our challenge to them is to fill every page of the notepad. Students who return their full completed revision pack will receive a reward of a pizza party on the first week back!

As always though, the best place for learning to happen is in the classroom so we need our Year 11s in school and in lessons.

Remember: those who have 95% attendance are twice as likely to achieve a Grade 5 in english and maths. (Department for Education statistic)

Your sincerely

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