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Dear parents and carers

Year 11 Mock Examinations

As we approach the mock examination period, I am writing to share important information about the arrangements in place to support Year 11 students and help them prepare effectively for their final GCSE examinations.

Mock examinations will take place from **Monday 16 November to Monday 30 November** and will be conducted under full GCSE examination conditions. We treat these examinations exactly as we would the summer examination series and therefore **attendance is expected for all examinations**.

To ensure students are fully prepared each day, we will hold a **pre-exam briefing from 8:00am every morning**, during which students will be provided with breakfast and key information about the day's examinations. All examinations will begin promptly at **9:00am**, so it is essential that students arrive on time. If you require support in ensuring your child attends school punctually throughout the mock period, please contact us and our Attendance Team will work with you to provide support.

Students have already been provided with a **Non-Negotiable Knowledge Booklet** which outlines exactly what content they need to revise and provides guidance on effective revision strategies. In addition, tutor time has been used to explicitly teach students the skills of revision and memorisation so that they can make the most of their preparation time at home. The booklet outlines all the routines we use to plug knowledge gaps in school and equally will support you at home.

Where we are not sitting the full suite of papers for core exams, please ensure that students are revising for the papers being sat in this mock exam window:

- Mathematics Papers 1, 2 and 3
- English Language Paper 1
- English Literature Paper 1
- Biology Paper 1
- Chemistry Paper 1
- Physics Paper 1

You will notice that all of these core subjects have been scheduled in the **morning examination sessions**. This has been done deliberately to replicate the experience of the summer GCSE examinations and ensure students sit their most important examinations when concentration levels are at their highest.

During the mock examination period, our usual after-school intervention programme will be paused. Instead, students will be invited to attend **daily after-school masterclasses** led by subject teachers

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and Heads of Department. These sessions will focus on the examination taking place the following day and will provide students with final guidance, revision support and exam technique strategies.

We ask that you support your child by encouraging them to revise regularly, attend all masterclasses relevant to their subjects, get sufficient sleep and arrive at school each day fully equipped and ready to succeed.

Mock Examination Timetable

Date	Morning Exam	Afternoon Exam
Mon 16th November	Drama and GCSE PE Paper 1 French & Spanish Speaking	Hospitality and Catering French & Spanish Speaking
Tue 17 November	English Literature Paper 1 French & Spanish Speaking	Construction French & Spanish Speaking
Wed 18th November	Maths Paper 1	History Paper 1
Thu 19th November	Science Paper 1 (Biology)	Geography Paper 1
Fri 20th November	English Language Paper 1	French and Spanish: Listening
Mon 23rd November	Maths Paper 2	History Paper 2 (half paper)
Tue 24th November	Science Paper 1 (Chemistry)	Geography 60-minute Paper
Wed 25th November	Science Paper 1 (Physics)	French & Spanish: Reading
Thu 26th November	Maths Paper 3	French and Spanish: Writing
Fri 27th November	GCSE PE Paper 2 GCSE Art- 5 hour exam French & Spanish Speaking	GCSE Art- 5 hour exam French & Spanish Speaking
Mon 30th November	Textiles- 5 hour exam	Textiles- 5 hour exam

Please note that French and Spanish Speaking examinations, Art, Textiles, GCSE PE and Hospitality and Catering assessments apply only to students studying those subjects.

The mock examinations are an important milestone in Year 11. They provide students with a valuable opportunity to test their knowledge, experience examination conditions and identify the areas they need to focus on before the summer GCSE examinations.

We appreciate your support in helping your child make the most of this opportunity.

Yours sincerely

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