



2 November 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 Mock Exams – November/December 2021

I hope you and your family are well.

This year, as I am sure you will agree, represents the most important milestone in your child's life so far, and the positive impact of their achievement of fantastic GCSEs will last for their lifetime.

Year 11 Mock exams will take place between **Monday 22 November and Thursday 2 December**. The complete timetable is attached, and we advise students to highlight the exams that are specific to them.

In this current climate and given the lack of GCSE exams last year it is incredibly important that this exams process is treated seriously. The exams will take place in the Sports Hall and are designed as much as possible to replicate the experience of sitting GCSE exams. Whilst it is important that students are given the opportunity to take part in a rigorous process, we do understand that some students may feel a little overwhelmed throughout this period. If you are worried that your child is feeling unusually anxious during this time, please do continue to contact school and speak to us about how we can help your child to manage.

These mock exams will provide us with a very accurate picture of where individual students are at in their journey towards achieving their potential. This year will be even more important given their absence from school during lockdown, the need to know where gaps in knowledge and skills are and how we can best use the time between now and the summer of 2021. Teachers will then be able to give predicted grades which students will require when completing application forms for post-16 study.

We will also be holding a **strive for success** evening on **6 January** followed by **parents evening** on **13 January** where students will be provided with their reports.

Important information regarding the examinations:

- ALL students are in school for the two-week period of the exams and there is no study leave.
- Students will be expected to attend normal timetabled lessons when they don't have an exam
- Students must bring their own equipment for all their exams – none will be provided by the school.



- Full, correct school uniform is to be worn for all exams otherwise students will be sent home to change.
- Students must arrive at 8.30am and line up in time for their first morning exam.
- Some exams may finish slightly earlier than 2.50pm – these students will be allowed to leave the school site. If this is could be a problem, please contact us.
- Monday 6 December all exams should have finished, and lessons resume as normal apart from Art, Architecture and French Speaking

Please do not hesitate to contact us on sivani.senthilkumar@bulwellacademy.org.uk or laura.woffindin-taylor@bulwellacademy.org.uk if you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely

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Week A	Periods 1 & 2	Time	Period 4 & 5	Time
Monday 22nd November	Maths Paper 1 (Non Calculator)	1½ hrs	Sociology Paper 1	1¾ hrs
Tuesday 23rd November	ICT Health & Social	1½ hrs 2 hours	English Language Paper 1	1¾ hrs
Wednesday 24th November	Science Biology	1¼ hrs	History Paper 1 French Reading	80 mins 50 mins
Thursday 25th November	Science Chemistry	1¼ hrs	Geography Paper 1	1¼ hrs
Friday 26th November	English Language Paper 2	1¾ hrs	Sociology Paper 2	55 mins

Week B	Periods 1 & 2		Time	Period 4 & 5	Time
Monday 29th November	Hospitality		1½ hrs	Maths Paper 2 (Calculator)	1½ hrs
Tuesday 30th November	English Literature		1¾ hrs	Drama	1¾ hrs
Wednesday 1st December	<u>Period 1</u> French Listening Foundation	<u>Period 2</u> French Listening Higher	<u>Period 1</u> 50 mins <u>Period 2</u> 50 mins	Science Physics	1¼ hrs
Thursday 2nd December	History Paper 2 French Writing		80 mins 1¼ hrs	Geography Paper 2	1 hour