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Ref: Important Information for Year 11 Mock Examinations

Dates: Monday, 3rd November - Friday, 14th November

Dear Parents

This is an important time for Year 11 scholars as they embark on their second mock examination experience. These examinations are crucial for identifying areas of strength and, more importantly, areas where your child will need to develop to achieve their Minimum Expected Grades (MEGs). Please see the attached exam timetable highlighting when each subject will be examined.

The November mock exams are the closest experience your child will have to sitting the actual GCSE papers. The results of these mocks will be used by teachers to inform November predicted grades. Predicted grades reflect what your child is likely to achieve based on their assessments so far, but they are heavily influenced by the outcomes of these mock exams.

All exams are conducted under strict JCQ guidelines. Scholars have been provided with the JCQ Examination Code of Conduct and must adhere to it. Failure to comply may result in disqualification. 100% attendance during examinations is required. Failure to attend scheduled exams may result in charges for missed exams.

Mobile devices and other prohibited items are a particular concern. While we have systems in place to securely store mobile phones, watches, EarPods, etc., it is essential to emphasise that no mobile phones are allowed in the exam. Possession of a mobile phone during an exam will result in immediate disqualification.

The November mock examinations will take place from Monday 3rd November to Friday 14th November. Scholars will receive their individual exam timetables two weeks before their first exam.

It is important that your child checks their timetable in advance of each exam to ensure they know the exam room and their seat number.

Morning exams will begin at 9:00 am. To support your child's preparation, scholars may arrive from 7:30 a.m. and enter through reception to revise in the dining hall before the exam begins. Those who prefer to arrive at the normal time of 8:15 am may do so through the Year 11 gate, as usual.

Afternoon exams will begin at 1:40 pm, following lunch. Dismissal will vary depending on the length of each exam. We will send daily text updates to inform you of exact dismissal times

Dismissal times will vary depending on the length of each exam, but no scholar will be dismissed before 3:00pm. If an exam extends beyond 3:30pm, dismissal will be no later than 3:45pm. We will send daily text updates to inform you of exact dismissal times.

In the event that your child finishes their exam early, if you would like them to remain in school until 3:30 pm on those days, please contact us by phone to arrange this.

To help your child prepare for their mock exams, we encourage you to support them in establishing a revision schedule and providing a quiet space to study. Scholars should make use of the resources provided by their teachers, including revision guides, past papers, and online tools such as GCSEPod. Scholars can access GCSEPod using their school login via the Office 365 link: https://www.gcsepod.com.

We will be discussing the outcomes of these mock examinations during the Year 11 Progress Evening on Tuesday, 3rd December. This will be an opportunity to review your child's performance against their MEGs. During the evening, we will celebrate your child's areas of strength and discuss strategies to support areas for further development.

We appreciate your support in working together to help your child surpass their potential. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Best regards,



Mr White
Assistant Principal

Year 11 November Mock Exam Timetable 2025

Morning exams start at 9:00am afternoon exams start at 1:40pm

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
3rd Nov		4th Nov		5th Nov		6th Nov		7th Nov	
AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	
English Language P1	Maths 1 (NON-Calculator)	Psychology	Science Biology	Sociology	History P1 (1h) Geography P1 (1h30m)	Digital Information Technology Spanish Speaking Mocks	Maths Paper 2 (Calculator)	Sports Studies (1h 30m) Spanish Listening Spanish Reading Extra Languages (Writing)	
1h 45m	1h 30m	2hr	Combined 1h 15m Triple 1h 45m	2h	1h / 1h 30m	1h 30m	1h 30m		
Monday		**Tuesday**		**Wednesday**		**Thursday**		**Friday**	
10th Nov		11th Nov		12th Nov		13th Nov		14th Nov	
AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	
Hospitality & Catering	English Language P2	Science Chemistry	<u>Z - OPTIONS</u> ART (3h 30m) Drama (1h 45m) Religious Studies (1h 40m) Music (1h 20m)	Maths Paper 3 (Calculator)	History P2 (2h) Geography P3 (1h30m)	Science Physics	<u>Y - Options</u> Y - ART (3h 30m) Y - Photography (3h 30m) Y – Computer Science (1h 30m) Y - Spanish Written Y - GCSE PE (1h)	Design & Technology Extra Languages (Reading)	
1h	1h 45m	Combined 1h 15m Triple 1h 45m		1h 30m	2h / 1h 30m	Combined 1h 15m Triple 1h 45m		2h	