

October 2025

Year 11 Mock Exams

Dear Parent/Guardian,

From the 17th November to the 3rd December your child will be sitting a series of Mock Exams in the majority of the courses they are following. They are also completing unit assignments in their vocational courses. This is an important stage of their Key Stage 4 journey as it will provide both them and us with the clearest overview of the progress they have been making thus enabling teachers to tailor learning and put students in the best possible position to achieve well in their GCSEs next year.

Please be aware that we will also use the outcomes of these exams to help us determine predicted grades which will be needed for college applications. We are aware that many students have already submitted their applications and so students can update their colleges following this data collection. It is therefore vital that your son / daughter treats these exams with the utmost importance and they strive to achieve the best that they can in each and every one of them.

All morning examinations begin at 8:50am. We understand that occasionally a situation may arise which may make your child late to school. Where possible, please contact the school to inform us and we will get them settled into their exam. **Should your child arrive more than 15 minutes late and we have not been made aware they will not be able to sit the exam. Similarly, should your child arrive late to three exams, further lateness will result in them not being allowed into the exam venue.**

Your child received a copy of their personalised examination timetable before half term and an overview of all exams can be found overleaf on this letter as well. Please take the time to discuss this timetable with your child so that you know when they are taking place too. Please note that our school day will shift between the 18th November and 3rd December so that lunch will be between 12:10 and 12:50pm with periods 4 and 5 after. School will still finish at 14:50.

Exams are, of course, an assessment of long-term learning but revision is a vital part of preparing well for an exam. Please find below some top tips for effective revision and better exam outcomes:

- Revise in a quiet place away from distractions – including phones
- Avoid social media and computer games
- Spend 2 hours each evening but break this into 4 x 30minute sessions with a 15minute break between each one
- Try and get 8 hours sleep the night before any exam
- Eat a nutritious breakfast and eat properly each day

Students will receive their exam results in a special assembly in December.

Yours sincerely,

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	Tutor 8:30-8:50	Period 1 8:50-9:50	Period 2 9:50-10:50	Period 3 11:10-12:10	Period 4 12:50-13:50	Period 5 13:50-14:50
Monday 17 th Nov					Media Studies	
Tuesday 18 th Nov		Biology Paper 1			Computer Science Paper 1	
Wednesday 19 th Nov		Geography Paper 1			Statistics Paper 1	
Thursday 20 st Nov		English Language Paper 1			Maths Paper 1 (Non Calculator)	
Friday 21 st Nov		History (USA & Germany)			Computer Science Paper 2	

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Monday 24 th Nov		Chemistry Paper 1			Statistics Paper 2	
Tuesday 25 th Nov		Spanish (Reading & Writing)			Maths Paper 2 (Calculator)	
Wednesday 26 th Nov		Physics Paper 1			Geography Paper 2	
Thursday 27 th Nov		Food Prep & Nutrition			History (Elizabethans)	
Friday 28 th Nov		Drama Business Studies			Maths Paper 3 (Calculator)	

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Monday 1 st Dec		INSET Day (School Closed)				
Tuesday 2 nd Dec		Art				
Wednesday 3 rd Dec		Photography				

Occasionally an exam will conflict with a vocational qualification assessment day. The student's own personalised timetable will indicate when they sit their examination. It is your child's responsibility to familiarise themselves with their timetable and take note of any adjustments to the above schedule.

Guidance for students before the exam begins:

- Know which seat number is allocated to you. These are found on your personalised exam timetable. It is not fair on other students to be trying to find this out just before your exam.
- You must be lined up ready to go at least 10 minutes before the exam starts.
 - For an 8:50am start this means lining up on the playground by 8:40am with bags and coats placed in the storage area by 8:30am.
 - For a 1:00pm start this means lining up on the playground by 12:50pm with bags and coats placed in the storage area by 12:45pm.
- Make sure you have visited the toilet before school and during lunch, so you don't need to go during the exam.
- Bags must be placed in the cupboard by the hall before making your way to the playground. Yondr pouches / smartwatches must be left in your bag.
- Make sure you have your pencil case (equipped with everything you need) and a clear water bottle in your hand. Your water bottle must not have any label wrapped around it.
- Line up on the playground in line with your allocated row and in seat number order. 1 at the front.

Guidance for students after the exam ends:

- Wait silently until you are dismissed from your row and then leave the room silently walking in a sensible fashion.
- Collect your bag and coat from the bag storage area
- Follow instructions from the staff waiting outside of the exam venues. This may be to go to the lesson you would have at that time or to wait by the canopy area until the end of that lesson.
 - No student should disturb any other lessons or walk around the school site.