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YEAR 11 CORE MOCK EXAMINATIONS

Dear Parents and carers,

With just under one month to go, the Year 11 Core Mock Examinations will take place week commencing 11th November. These mock exams are designed to provide students with a better opportunity to feel fully prepared for the material on which they will be examined at the end of their courses and will help to make the examinations less daunting. We think that rather than creating undue pressure, we will be helping your child to undertake a meaningful examination learning experience and therefore your child will build confidence for when they reach their formal examinations in the summer. Assessment also provides teachers with valuable information and data, which will then be used to support your child to make further progress.

Core Mock exam timetable

Please see below the details for each of the 3 days the Mock exams are taking place. It is crucial your child is in school for each of the examinations:

Year 11 Mock Exams November 2024

AM						PM					
Date	Start	Length	Component Title	Level	Time	Date	Start	Length	Component Title	Level	Time
Tuesday 12/11/2024	9.00am	1hr 30	Maths Paper 1 Foundation	GCSE	09:00-10:30	Tuesday 12/11/2024	1.15pm	1hr 15min	Combined Physics Foundation	GCSE	13:15-14:30
	9.00am	1hr 30	Maths Paper 1 Higher	GCSE	09:00-10:30		1.15pm	1hr 15min	Combined Physics Higher	GCSE	13:15-14:30
Wednesday 13/11/2024						Wednesday 13/11/2024	1.15pm	1hr 45min	Physics	GCSE	13:15-15:00
	9.00am	1hr 40	English	GCSE	9:00-10:40		1.15pm	1hr 15min	Combined Chemistry Foundation	GCSE	13:15-14:30
							1.15pm	1hr 15min	Combined Chemistry Higher	GCSE	13:15-14:30
Thursday 14/11/2024						Thursday 14/11/2024	1.15pm	1hr 45min	Chemistry	GCSE	13:15-15:00
	9.00am	1hr 30	Maths Paper 2 Foundation	GCSE	09:00-10:30		1.15pm	1hr 15min	Combined Biology Foundation	GCSE	13:15-14:30
	9.00am	1hr 30	Maths Paper 2 Higher	GCSE	09:00-10:30		1.15pm	1hr 15min	Combined Biology Higher	GCSE	13:15-14:30
						1.15pm	1hr 45min	Biology	GCSE	13:15-15:00	

The mock exam timetable can also be found [here](#)

Revision

Please find details for revision via the links below:

[GCSE Core Mock Revision Information](#)

[GCSE Foundation Maths Revision Information](#)

[GCSE Higher Maths Revision Information](#)

Specific topics and content to revise is listed in the document linked above which will be supported with revision strategies which have been shared during Friday form times. We would also actively encourage any students requiring a quiet place to revise to attend our after-school provision called

Period 6 (P6) held on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings with Mrs Johnson from 3.15pm – 4.45pm in B1-03 and B1-04.

Examination expectations

In assembly in the first week back after half term, we will share some important information about exam regulations and procedures; we thought it would be useful to share this with parents too so that you are in the picture and can reinforce these messages at home.

The key pieces of information were:

- Begin revision now if you haven't already
- P6 is available on Tuesday and Wednesday for students that want to work in school
- Arrive in school at 8.30am at the latest and be sat in form rooms by 8.35. This is important so students are here for the start of the mock exams, but also each morning so that they hear all the important messages that come through tutor time
- For afternoon exams students must be in the Hall at 12.55 at the latest
- Bring the correct equipment to each exam
- Water (no other drinks permitted) must be in a clear bottle, no labels and no larger than 550ml
- No electronic equipment of any kind in an exam, other than a scientific calculator (this includes phones and watches)

We also wanted to ask for your support in ensuring that students have all of the equipment they need for the exams, in a clear pencil case. It is their responsibility to come with:

- black pens (two ideally)
- pencil
- ruler
- mathematical equipment (pair of compasses, protractor)
- scientific calculator

Students cannot rely on borrowing these at the last minute. The full exam pencil case with calculator is available to buy on [Wisepay](#). However, if you need support in providing this equipment, please get in touch with the Year 11 pastoral team in advance of the exams.

How can parents support their children?

Parents and carers can play a key role in supporting their children to prepare for these assessments. Here are a few tips:

- Provide a place and time at home for students to complete homework and revision;
- Discuss with your child their revision programme using the document provided
- Avoid unnecessary anxiety about examinations by being encouraging and optimistic;
- Establish a revision timetable with your child;
- Encourage the production of revision flash cards, blind mind mapping– see the information provided in our learn and succeed evening
- Express high expectations and standards for your child's learning.

- These websites are also a useful read for both parents/ carers and students:

<https://yorkmix.com/how-to-revise-techniques-and-strategies-that-work/>
[Revision techniques - what really works? - BBC Bitesize](#)
[Retrieval Practice — The Learning Scientists](#)

The data report to parents will follow a few weeks later and will recognise student attainment in these exams. The report will also include target grades, current attitude to learning and the current overall progress of your child based on their learning in the autumn term.

Parents evening

We look forward to welcoming you into school for Year 11 Parents evening on **Monday 9th December**. More details around booking appointments will follow but please add this date to your diary.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S. Horsley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "S" and a horizontal line underlining the name.

Samantha Horsley
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