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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 Mock Examinations

Year 11 students will be sitting mock examinations in many of their subjects from Monday 19th November. Most of these will take place in the Sports Hall and students will be expected to conduct themselves as they will in their real examinations. It is a good opportunity for students to experience this before the summer.

Students should begin to think about a revision programme if they haven't already done so. This can include half term, although we appreciate that rest and relaxation needs to be encouraged over the half term break too. Lunchtime and Session 6 revision classes will continue after half term and we encourage students to take advantage of these.

Please encourage your children to take these mock examinations seriously as their performance will help teachers make their final predictions that will be used on their UCAS Progress applications to post-16 centres. Courses have clear entry requirements and students are unlikely to be offered places if their predictions do not match these entry requirements.

There is an overview of the examinations that will occur in the two-week period and then the timetable and exam expectations follow.

English Language - Paper 1 (Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing)

English Literature - Paper 1 (Macbeth and A Christmas Carol). Closed-book, extract based analysis questions.

Maths - Paper 1 will be non-calculator paper and Paper 2 will be a calculator paper. Please ensure that you bring mathematical equipment (both papers) and a scientific calculator (paper 2) to the exams. As these are full papers it is likely that students will encounter some questions on topics that they have not yet covered. Students are encouraged to read these carefully and attempt to answer them as they could earn marks on the early part of the questions. Please be aware that the results will be used to inform any changes to students' maths set or tier of entry as necessary.

Biology – Paper 1 (Units 1-4)

Chemistry – Paper 1 (Units 1-5)

Physics – Paper 1 (Units 1-4)

Geography – Students will be examined on the whole of Unit 1 (Physical Geography that was taught in year 10), they will also be examined on Section A and B of Unit 2.

History – Students will be examined on Paper 1 (Warfare and London during the Blitz) and Paper 3 (Germany). There will not be a Paper 2 (Normans and Cold War)

MFL - Students will have mocks on two skills only; Paper 2 Speaking and Paper 4 Writing. These could include any of the modules and themes covered in their GCSEs.



Polish - Students need to see Mrs Bates on any Thursday in BCG6 to discuss what needs to be prepared for the oral test

Computer Science – both exams will include all the topic in the GCSE 9-1 Computer Science qualification. You have, or will, cover all the topics in time for the mock. Paper 1 – will include all unit 1 (Computer systems) topics. Paper 2 – will include all unit 2 (Computational thinking, algorithms and programming) topics. You cannot use a calculator in either exam. As discussed in class, use the practice past exam papers for revision.

ICT – Students will be examined on Unit 1 - DA201 (Developing Web Products) in preparation for their January exam. Like in the actual exam, you will be given a case study scenario to focus on.

Health and Social Care - Rights of Individuals, Safety and Security in Care settings, The Care values and the acts such as Data Protection, The Mental Health Act, The Children Act, Health and Safety at work Act.

GCSE Business Studies - Students will sit two papers of 1-hour 45mins each. The first paper focuses on the areas of Human Resources and Operations. The second paper focuses on Finance and Marketing. Other areas covered under the 'business in the real world' and 'influences on business units' will appear on both papers. Questions will be based around real private sector businesses and their issues.

Economics – This will be a 1hr 30 minute written examination covering elements from both Unit 1 and the first portion of Unit 2 which has been delivered during the autumn term of Year 11.

Media – Section A: Exploring Media Language and Representation *Question 1 is an analysis based on a film poster, Question 2 Representation - An analysis of how political context affects newspapers, Question 2(b) is a comparison based on the front page of The Sun newspaper from the set products and an unseen Resource, the front page of the Daily Mirror newspaper provided.* **Section B: Exploring Media Industries and Audiences.** *Question 3- Media Industries, knowledge of the newspaper industry Question 4- Audience analysis focusing on Pokemon Go.*

Engineering – Unit 1

Construction - Unit 1 Construction Technology. The exam is based upon how a building is designed and constructed. It explores different parts of a building, its purpose, how it performs in different ways. A roof, a floor and a wall need to be strong and stable but they have different jobs/applications and they are designed to resist forces. Areas such as sustainability and the effect on the environment will also feature. All processes that are involved in the construction of a building and an understanding of the built environment that the structure exists within make up foundation of the exam. There is a maximum of 50 marks and there will be different types of question in the examination.

Design and Technology (3D products and Textiles) - The exam is based of the three components of the specification. Section A is about the Core knowledge principles. Section B is about subject specific principles and Section C is about design and make principles. Students must revise the first four sections of the current homework task as well as recap on the core knowledge from year 10.

Music – There will be an hour long Music exam at 2pm on Friday 23 November. Due to the small numbers involved and the nature of the exam, this will take place in the Music Department.

Drama – Students will sit a 45-minute written paper which will focus on their live theatre experience. There will be one question and they are expected to respond by analysing and evaluating the production values.

PE - Paper 1: Physical Factors affecting Performance includes the anatomy and physiology and physical training units of work. Paper 2: Socio-cultural issues and Sports Psychology includes sports psychology, socio-cultural influences and health, fitness and well-being units. Students will also complete a practical moderation in some of their chosen sports.

PWL - The mock exam will be covering Health and Safety, Enterprise, Healthy Life Styles, Computer Technology, Self-Awareness, First Aid, Relationships, Employment and Personal Finance.

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Photography - Students will complete their supervised 10-hour final piece over two consecutive days. This follows a 12-week preparation period that started at the end of summer term. Students will be divided into two groups and will be informed of their group and two-day slot nearer the time.

Hair and Beauty - The learners need to concentrate on their 12-mark question that will be based on the scenario provided by Ms Constable, anatomy and physiology of the skin and nail and ingredients to preserve products.

If you have any questions about revision plans, lunchtime and Session 6 revision classes, mock examinations or predicted grades, please do get in touch. We want to support your child to achieve the best outcomes that they can.

Yours faithfully

Mrs R Mustill
Y11 Achievement Leader



YEAR 11 MOCK EXAM TIMETABLE - NOVEMBER 2018

	Session 1 Arrive 8:45am Start 9:00am		Session 2 Arrive 12:50pm Start 1:00pm (Early Lunch 12.15 - 12.45)
Monday 19th November	GCSE English Language 1h 45		GCSE Media 1h 15 VTCT Hair & Beauty 1h
Tuesday 20th November	GCSE Biology Separate 1h 45 Combined 1h 15		GCSE Business 1h 45 GCSE Polish Reading 1h GCSE Computer Science 1h 30
Wednesday 21st November	GCSE Maths 1h 30		GCSE History 1h 15 GCSE Polish Writing 1h 15
Thursday 22nd November	GCSE Chemistry Separate 1h 45 Combined 1h 15		GCSE Health & Social Care 1h GCSE Computer Science 1h 30
Friday 23rd November	GCSE English Literature 1h 45		GCSE Economics 1h GCSE PE 1h
Monday 26th November	GCSE Maths 1h 30		GCSE Business 1h 45 GCSE Drama 45m BTEC Engineering 1h
Tuesday 27th November	GCSE Geography 1h 30 BTEC Construction 1h GCSE Textiles 2h		GCSE French Writing Higher 1h 15 Foundation 1h OCR Child Development 1h 30
Wednesday 28th November	GCSE Physics Separate 1h 45 Combined 1h 15		GCSE Geography 1h
Thursday 29th November	GCSE History 1h 20 Certificate PWL 1h 30		GCSE German Writing GCSE Spanish Writing Higher 1h 15 Foundation 1h
Friday 30th November	CIDA ICT 2h 30 GCSE 3D Products 2h GCSE PE 1h		

Monday 5th November – Friday 16th November - GCSE French/German/Polish and Spanish speaking tests.

Monday 3rd December - GCSE PE Practical Assessments

Tuesday 4th – Friday 7th December - GCSE Photography

PLEASE NOTE EARLY LUNCH FROM 12:15PM TO 12:45PM.

EXAMS INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS

- Please make sure that you know which exams you are taking and arrive promptly.
- It is important that you bring all the equipment you need to each exam – eg BLACK pens, pencil, ruler, calculator.....
- You must not attempt to communicate with other students at any time during the exam.

Mobile phones, smartwatches, iPods, MP3/4 players or any potential technological/web enabled sources of information are NOT allowed in the exam rooms. Please make sure they are in your bags and are TURNED OFF. Possession of unauthorised items is an infringement of the regulations and could result in disqualification.



- Check the exams noticeboard for any updated or further information regarding your exams.
- If you have any questions or a **clash of exams**, please see Miss Osborne (Examinations Officer) as soon as possible.