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Dear Parent / Carer,

**Re: Year 11 Mock Exams – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024 (inclusive)**

We would like to take this opportunity in welcoming your son / daughter back into what will be their last year of their GCSE studies being in year 11.

As stated on the school calendar, the Year 11 mock examination period will run from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November (inclusive). During this period, all Year 11 students will follow the mock examination timetable, which can be found on the school website.

Your child, has been issued with their individual exam timetable, which they are required to keep in a safe place for future reference. For students who are timetabled to undertake Art and / or PE practical exam/s, they should discuss arrangements directly with their subject teacher.

It is vital that your child reads, fully understands and **strictly** adheres to all exam protocol as set by JCQ (Joint Council for Qualifications) as failure to do so could lead to disqualification. This information can be found on the [exams link](#) located on the school's website.

These examinations are referred to as 'mock' since they are an attempt to duplicate the situation that will arise when all Year 11 students take their external examinations scheduled in May and June 2025; a draft timetable detailing the dates and times of written exams for the summer 2025 examination series shortly be available on the [school website](#). Your support to ensure that your son or daughter is fully focused and prepared for these mock exams is greatly appreciated. Despite the fact that they are effectively a practice, it is paramount that preparation for them is sound, since the results can affect the estimation of likely performance when informing on predicted grades.

Below are just some examples of the importance of hosting mock exam periods:-

- Mock exams are a useful tool for students, teachers and parents to measure how well students are progressing in their studies.
- It allows students an opportunity to work under exam-like conditions and test how well their revision strategies are working.
- For the school, it is a useful indication of how likely a student is to achieve a certain grade in the "real" exams and therefore a benchmark on whether to review a set of results in the summer.
- In light of the Covid-19 pandemic, mock and assessment data, along with other historic data on students assisted teaching staff to make holistic judgements when submitting grades to the exam boards to enable students to receive either their GCSE or A-level results in 2020 and 2021.

Staff will be working hard to mark the mocks throughout November so that your son/daughter receives detailed feedback as soon as possible. We will then have the opportunity to talk through with you the mock results, future testing periods and final strategies to prepare for the summer at the virtual Parents' Evening in December.

Attendance is compulsory and all students will be expected in school at the commencement of the school day. No study leave will be given during this time, as it is critical that students attend all lessons when they do not have mock examinations.

During these times, it is essential that all students come to school fully equipped for sitting these exams since we are unable to lend essential equipment. Students are expected to arrive at least 20 minutes before the stated start time for each of their exams. Students will not be allowed to leave the exam until the full time duration has lapsed.



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Please notify the exams office as soon as possible, should your child be unable to attend a mock examination for whatever reason. Should you have any queries regarding the contents of this letter, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your continued support and we wish all the students well in this stage of their academic career.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs L Butler  
Exams Officer