



## Year 11 Final Mock Exams - Important Information

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are writing to inform you that your child's final Mock Exams will begin on the **9th February**, before Half Term and continue into the first week of next term. Please find the **Mock Timetable attached** for your reference.

This is the last opportunity for students to experience full exam conditions before their final GCSEs in May. In an assembly this week and next, we will emphasise the importance of this final round of Mock Exams and how the effort students put in will determine the quality of feedback they receive. Thorough revision will allow teachers to provide specific guidance on areas for improvement in the real exams later in the year, helping students refine their examination skills ahead of their final exams. As you know, these results also form a key part of applications for post-16 pathways, including sixth forms, colleges, and apprenticeships.

### **Exam Expectations and Conduct**

As with previous Mock Exams, these exams will be conducted under formal GCSE conditions and invigilated by a trained team, not by teachers. Students must follow all exam regulations - failure to do so may result in disqualification for that paper. These rules will be covered in the next Assembly, and we expect all students to adhere to them fully.

### **Supporting Your Child**

To help your child succeed in their upcoming Mocks, please support us in ensuring they:

- ✓ **Complete all homework and continue daily revision:** Students have an Assessment Manifest to work from, and are being taught Revision techniques at school. It is essential homework is completed independently, and students are aiming to complete 1 hour of revision per night.
- ✓ **Arrive on time:** Punctuality is essential. For this final round of Mocks, to mirror our routines for the summer exams, compulsory **exam warm-ups will run in classrooms from 8.00am**, where subject teachers provide key reminders to help students enter their exams feeling confident and prepared. Missing these sessions means missing crucial last-minute support.
- ✓ **Maintain 100% attendance:** It is essential students continue to attend school every day, even if they do not have a PPE as lessons continue as normal. There will also be **no opportunity to resit missed exams**, just as in the final GCSEs. Any absence will result in a score of 0 for that paper.

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✓ **Arrive fully equipped:** Students must bring black pens (not blue), a ruler, a calculator, a pencil, a clear pencil case, and a clear water bottle with the label removed.

✓ **Continue attending additional study sessions:** Encourage your child to make the most of Working Lunch and Champions' Hour to maximise their preparation.

✓ **Get enough rest:** A consistent sleep routine is essential for concentration and performance. Encourage your child to maintain a good sleep routine throughout the Half Term and avoid screens before bed to ensure they are well-rested for each exam day.

### **Year 11 Parents' Evening**

Following the PPEs, we will hold a **Year 11 Parents' Evening next term**. This will be a final opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their teachers before their GCSE exams. More details will be sent out later this term - please save the date.

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child prepare for these important exams..

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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		Monday 9th	Tuesday 10th	Wednesday 11th	Thursday 12th	Friday 13th
<b>Week beg 9th Feb</b>	<b>AM</b> <b>Start Time:</b> <b>9am</b>	English Lang 1 (1h45)	Maths 1 (1h30)	Triple Biology 2 (1h45m) Combined Biology 2 (1h15m)	History 1 (2h) / Further Maths 1 (1h45)	DT (2h)
	<b>PM</b> <b>Start Time:</b> <b>2pm</b>	H&C (1h20)	RE 1 (1hr45m) Statistics 1 (1h45)	Geography 1 (1h30)	PE 1 (1h15)	Geography 2 (1h30)
	<b>Practicals</b> <b>11am</b> <b>-2:30pm</b>		Hospitality & Catering Practical - Group 1	Hospitality & Catering Practical - Group 2		
		Monday 23rd	Tuesday 24th	Wednesday 25th	Thursday 26th	Friday 27th
<b>Week beg 23rd Feb</b>	<b>AM</b>	History 2 (2h) / Further Maths 2 (1h45)	Triple Chemistry 2 (1h45m) Combined Chemistry 2 (1h15m)	Maths 2 (1h30)	Triple Physics 2 (1h45m) Combined Physics 2 (1h15m)	Maths 3 (1h30)
	<b>PM</b>	RE 2 (1h45m) Statistics 2 (1h45)	Geography 3 (1h30)	French Writing (F 1h15m/H 1h20m) Polish Writing (1h 15m)	PE 2 (1h15)	French Listening (F 45m/H 1h) Polish Listening (45m) French Reading (F 45m/H 1h) Polish Reading (1h)
	<b>Practicals</b> <b>12:30-3pm</b>			Hospitality & Catering Practical - Group 4	Hospitality & Catering Practical - Group 3	

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