

November 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11: Mock exams

As has been previously communicated, the Year 11 mock exams will begin week commencing Monday 19th November. It is important that students prepare fully for these exams, as the mock exams serve three key purposes:

1. Real Experience

The exams will take place in the normal GCSE exam venues under external exam conditions. There will be invigilators supervising the exams and all normal exam procedures will be followed. Mrs Carpenter, Exams Manager, has led a Year 11 assembly outlining these expectations to all students. Please note that all students will be expected to supply their own equipment for each exam. This includes black pens, pencils, a ruler and a calculator as a minimum.

2. Informative Experience

Mock exam results can have a big impact on deciding the final pathway in preparing individual students for their summer exams, including final tiers of entry. Thorough analysis of student performance in these exams will aid students and subject teachers in identifying existing gaps in subject knowledge, enabling these to be addressed before the summer exams.

3. Post-16 Education

The mock exam results will serve as the most accurate indicator to date of likely outcomes for each student in the summer. As such, students may use these results to inform discussions regarding post-16 options. Many post-16 providers will request the mock exam results when considering Year 11 student applicants.

Students are, therefore, encouraged to revise regularly at home and attend any subject clinics or interventions sessions that have been organised by subject teachers. Students have had access to advice and guidance regarding effective revision techniques and strategies for coping with exam-related stress during registration and Learning for Life and Work lessons. A 'My Revision Planner' document also accompanies this letter which details all of the subject content which students need to revise for all subjects. This document is also available on Doodle for students to access.

There will be a 'Mock Results Day' on **Wednesday, 19 December** where students will receive their results in a similar way to their GCSE results next August. In addition, Progress Review 2 will also be published on this day, allowing you to view Forecast Grades and Attitude to Learning information for each subject. You will have the opportunity to discuss all of this information with your child's subject teachers at the Year 11 Parent Consultations on 9 January 2019.

Should you require more information on the Year 11 Mock exams please do contact us at the Academy.

Yours sincerely



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