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January Mock Examinations – Year 11

Dear Parent/Carer,

The January Mock Examinations play an important role in providing a true indication of the likely grades each student will achieve in their GCSE's this summer. In addition, the mock grades will form an integral part of the Post 16 options process as we guide Year 11 towards their A Levels and other post-16 subject choices and career paths.

Ofqual have published contingency arrangements in the unlikely event that exams are cancelled next summer. Teacher Assessed Grades would again be used instead. In determining these grades, the upcoming mock examinations would form part of the evidence to support this process. Mocks would not be the only evidence used and grades students receive in their mock examinations are not final Teacher Assessed Grades.

It is therefore imperative that students are well prepared for these examinations and are aware of their importance. In addition to the personal revision that all students should be starting now, staff are guiding students with advice, exams information and links to revision resources. As there will be advance notice from Ofqual in February what will be examined in summer 2022 teachers have made clear to students what content is to be revised and prepared for the mocks.

In their mock examinations, students will be assessed on a wide range of content that they have been taught, similar to what they will expect in their summer exams, and across the assessment objectives for the qualification. As usual, teachers will mark the assessments in line with published exam board mark schemes and guidance. Students taking art and design qualifications will continue to work on their non-exam assessments – no additional assessments are needed.

Study Leave for Year 11 will be from Monday 17th January until Friday 28th January 2022 inclusive. This has been carefully explained to the students in assembly. A copy of the examination timetables are available on our website found [here](#).

Please ensure that your son/daughter is aware of the dates and times of their Exams. It is rare for students to make a mistake and miss the start of an exam but it **can** happen, so an extra pair of eyes checking ahead each day can only help. Please pay particular attention to whether the examination is in the morning (9.00 am start) or the afternoon (1.30 pm start). We recommend that students arrive in school at least 10 MINUTES before the start of the examination.

On completion of morning examinations, students are to return to their normal lessons for the remainder of the morning session. Students who do not have an examination in the afternoon will be free to go home at the end of the morning session at 12.25. Students who have examinations in the morning and the afternoon will be required to remain on site through lunchtime. On completion of afternoon examinations; students must leave the site immediately. Students who wish to use a bus service to return home will be able to wait in a supervised, pre-designated room until 15.40.

During the study leave period students must be in FULL school uniform.

Please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Sellers or myself if we can be of further assistance.

Yours sincerely

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Head of Upper School