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Mock Examinations: Year 11: Monday 8th to Friday 19th January 2024

Dear Year 11 Students, Parents and Carers,

We are now six weeks away from the January mock examinations. These are a vital element of GCSE preparation. The examinations provide an opportunity to embed and test student knowledge and understanding and to gain further experience of the format and question style of a GCSE paper. They enable teachers and students to identify areas which need further work. Therefore, they are an indication of the likely grades each student will achieve in their final examinations and will be the basis on which sixth form offers will be made. Therefore, it is imperative that students are well prepared for these examinations. Students should be in the midst of their personal revision and staff have been guiding students with subject specific advice and will continue to do so over the coming weeks. Further revision advice and specific resources, including past papers, can be found on the revision zone which all students have access to via Office 365.

The dates for Year 11 mock examinations are from **Monday 8th to Friday 19th January 2024**. Students are required to attend school normally during the mock examination period and will be working in supported revision spaces when they are not in exams. Each student will be issued with their own exam timetable soon. This will show the details of all their mock examinations. Some students will have clashes in subjects so their timetable will look different to other students. Therefore, please ask your child to check their exam timetable carefully and to come and see us if they are uncertain about any feature of it. It may also be wise to advise them to take a photo of their timetable for reference. The general examination timetable is available on the school website here: [Exam Timetables | Ecclesbourne School](#) along with the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) exam regulations and a useful 'before your exams' checklist from JCQ.

These mocks should follow the same guidelines as the real exams in the summer so that students are fully prepared. It is therefore essential everyone is aware of the exam regulations so please ensure that you have read through it and have discussed it with your child. The key message to emphasise is that students cannot bring any electronic device, for example, a mobile phone or smartwatch, into an exam. A calculator is only permitted for certain examinations. Students should ensure that any revision notes are left outside of the exam hall. Failure to follow these expectations can lead to disqualification from an exam or series of exams.

Please ensure that your child is aware of the dates, times and venues of their examinations. Morning examinations start at 9.00am and afternoon examinations start at 1.30pm. Students are required to be present at their examination venue at least ten minutes before the scheduled start of the examination.

We would also like to take the opportunity to highlight some key dates for the remainder of the year:

- Year 11 Language mock exams will be 4th- 7th December 2023.
- Year 11 Art mocks will be the 7th & 8th December 2023.
- Year 11 reports will be issued the week beginning 11th December 2023.
- Year 11 mocks will be the weeks beginning the 8th and 15th January 2024. February 2024 is Stars in Your Eyes.
- Year 11 Mock grades will be published in the week beginning 12th February 2024.

- Final 16+ Interviews will be the week beginning 12th February 2024 (offers to Sixth Form will be made based on these mock grades).
- Year 11 Parents Evening is on the 13th February 2024.
- 5th March 2024 will be the Year 11-year group photo
- Interim reports will be issued the week beginning 25th March 2024. We will conduct another WRAT which is a one-to-one interview with their tutor to look at their wellbeing and academic progress.
- Year 12 induction day will be 27th & 28th June 2024.

GCSE Exam dates:

- Year 11 Language Speaking Exams will be from the 22nd to 25th April (inclusive) 2024.
- Year 11 Art Exam will be the 23rd-25th April (inclusive) 2024.
- All other exams will be in the period from the 9th May 2024 to 19th June 2024 (inclusive).


(Please note some dates can be subject to change)

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss any element of this letter.

Kind regards,



David Duncker-Brown
Head of Upper School



Vicky Dodson
Head of Year 11



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Warning to Candidates

1. You **must** be on time for all your examinations.
2. **Possession of a mobile phone** or other unauthorised material is **not allowed** even if you do not intend to use it. You will be subject to penalty and possible disqualification from the exam/qualification.
3. You **must not** talk to, attempt to communicate with or disturb other candidates once you have entered the examination room.
4. You **must** follow the instructions of the invigilator.
5. You **must not** sit an examination in the name of another candidate.
6. You **must not** become involved in any unfair or dishonest practice in any part of the examination.
7. If you are confused about anything, only speak to an invigilator.



On your exam day

This checklist will help you to be as prepared as possible for your exams, so that on the day itself you can focus on doing your best.

Before sitting your exams, ensure you know:

- ☐ the date, time and location of your exams – you might find it helpful to write this information in a calendar or planner
- ☐ who to contact at school or college in case there's an emergency that makes you late or unable to sit your exam

What you cannot take into exams:

- ☐ any type of phone
- ☐ revision notes
- ☐ any type of watch (this includes analogue, digital and smart watches)



What you will need:

- ☐ a clear pencil case
- ☐ at least two black ink pens – blue pens are not acceptable
- ☐ an approved calculator for relevant exams
- ☐ appropriate apparatus such as a ruler or protractor for relevant exams
- ☐ a clear water bottle if you wish to take one in – it must not have a label



Other important information:

- ☐ Listen carefully to the invigilator's instructions which will be specific to your exam. If you are unsure of anything, please raise your hand and wait for the invigilator.
- ☐ Fill in your details on the front of your answer booklet.
- ☐ If you need additional answer sheets, raise your hand and wait for an invigilator who will provide you with one. Remember to add your details to this booklet too.
- ☐ If you need to use the toilet or feel unwell, raise your hand and wait for an invigilator who will escort you from the exam room.
- ☐ Make sure you stay silent – talking to a fellow candidate could result in disqualification from all your exams.

Contingency sessions:

- ☐ There are contingency sessions within the Summer 2024 exam timetable – the afternoon of 6 June and 13 June 2024 and the morning and afternoon of 26 June 2024. Make sure you are available on all three dates even if you do not have an exam.

If you have any questions about your exams, please ask your teacher or exams officer.



You can also find useful information about preparing for exams at www.jcq.org.uk/exams-office/information-for-candidates-documents

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