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Dear Year 11 Students, Parents and Carers,

Mock Examinations: Year 11: Monday 6th to Friday 17th January 2025

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 17th January 2025**. 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. Some students with clashes will have exams on Monday 18th January 2025. It may also be wise to advise them to take a photo of their timetable for reference. The general examination timetable is later in this letter and will be 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:

- 2-5 December 2024 Y11 Language Speaking Mocks
- 5+6 December 2024 Y11 Art Mock
- 12+13 December 2024 Languages Reading and Listening Mocks
- 13 December 2024 Y11 Reports to Parents
- 6-17 January 2025 Y11 Mocks
- 22 January 2025 Y11 Drama Trip
- 5 February 2025 Y11 Parents' Evening
- 10 February 2025 Y11 Projected Grades to Parents
- 11 February 2025 Final 16+ Interviews
- 12 February 2025 Stars in your Eyes Evening Performance
- 14+15 or 16+17 February 2025 Western Front Trip
- 25+27 February 2025 GCSE Food Practical
- 3-7 March 2025 GCSE Drama Practical
- 4 March 2025 Y11 Year group Photo
- 26+27 March 2025 English and Maths 2nd Mocks.
- 26+27 June 2025 Sixth Form Induction Days

GCSE Exam dates:

- 22-24 April 2025 GCSE Art Exam
- 28-3 May 2025 GCSE Speaking Exams
- 8 May 2025 GCSE Exams Start

(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,



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Head of Year 11