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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 Mock Examinations

Summary of Actions	Deadline
For Information	N/A

As we approach an important stage in Year 11, we are writing to provide you with information about the forthcoming mock examinations, which start on Tuesday 29 September.

We have high expectations of all our Year 11 students and want them to approach these examinations with the same commitment, preparation and focus that we expect during their final GCSE examinations.

Why do we have mock examinations?

Mock examinations are an important part of the Year 11 journey. They provide students with the opportunity to:

- Practise sitting examinations under full examination conditions.
- Experience the intensity and demands of a formal examination period.
- Identify areas where they need to improve their knowledge and understanding.
- Help teachers identify students who may benefit from additional support.
- Provide important information to inform predicted grades and post-16 applications.

When are the mock examinations?

The outline mock examination timetable is below. Students should ensure that they are fully prepared for each examination and bring all the equipment they need. They will be briefed in lesson and assemblies as to what this equipment is.

Week	Date		Subject
A	Tue 29 Sep	AM	Spanish and German
		PM	Biology - combined/separate
	Wed 30 Sep	AM	Maths Paper 1
		PM	History
	Thu 1 Oct	AM	French
		PM	English Literature
	Fri 2 Oct	AM	Chemistry - combined/separate
		PM	Business Studies
B	Mon 5 Oct	AM	Design and Technology



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A	Tue 6 Oct	PM	Drama
		AM	Maths Paper 2
		PM	PE
	Wed 7 Oct	AM	Physics - combined/separate
		PM	Geography
	Fri 9 Oct	AM	English Language
		PM	Religious Studies
	Mon 12 October	AM	Food and Nutrition
		PM	Music
	Tue 13 October	AM	Maths Paper 3
		PM	Online Construction

How can I support my child?

Every faculty has shared revision resources through their Microsoft Teams pages. A summary of these resources will also be available on the Year 11 Teams page. We would encourage parents and carers to take an active role in supporting their child with their revision. Some simple steps can make a significant difference.

Top revision tips

- Students should aim to complete **around two to three hours of revision each day**. To support this, no general homework will be set from **14 September to 13 October**.
- Revision should be planned in relation to the mock exam timetable (please see above)
- Help your child to identify a **quiet, distraction-free space** where they can revise effectively.
- Encourage revision to be broken down into **30-minute blocks**, with appropriate breaks in between.
- Revision should focus on **knowledge recall**, including key facts, formulae, quotations, vocabulary and subject-specific information.
- Encourage your child to use the revision resources provided by their teachers and to focus particularly on the areas they find most challenging.

The aim is not simply to revise for the sake of revising, but to ensure that students are actively recalling and applying the knowledge they will need in their examinations.

What grades will come from the mocks?

There are three different grades that parents and students should be aware of:

Mock Grade

This is the grade the student achieves in the mock examination. It reflects the grade they would have achieved if the mock examination had been their final examination.



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Predicted Grade

This is the grade we expect your child to achieve if they make standard progress from this point onwards. The mock examination result will be an important factor in determining this grade.

College Grade

This is the predicted grade used for post-16 applications. It will be informed by the mock examination results, as well as the level of engagement your child demonstrates with their areas for improvement and any additional support or intervention provided by the school.

When will students receive their results?

Grades and examination papers will be released to students from **10.00am on Thursday 5 November**.

Students will come together for a Mock Results Day assembly, where they will receive their mock grades in an envelope.

Mock and predicted grades will also be made available to parents/carers and students through Go4Schools at the same time.

College grades will be entered over the following weeks as part of the post-16 application process.

What happens next?

There are several important dates coming up for Year 11:

- **Monday 5 October**, 6 o' clock – Post 16 Information evening; further details will be given nearer this date
- **Thursday 5 November** – Parents' Evening – X Band
- **Thursday 12 November** – Parents' Evening – Y Band
- **Monday 7 December** – Post-16 application deadline
- **Monday 1 February – Friday 12 February** – Spring Mock Examinations

We appreciate the support that parents and carers provide throughout Year 11. Your encouragement, particularly around establishing positive revision habits and maintaining high expectations, can make a real difference to your child's progress.

We wish all our Year 11 students every success in their mock examinations and look forward to celebrating their progress with them.

Yours sincerely,

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