

1st February 2023

Dear Parent or Carer,

**Re: Year 11 Mock and GCSE Examinations**

I hope that this letter finds you and your family well.

As we step closer towards the GCSE examinations, we are delighted to be writing to you today to update you on your child's journey through year 11 and the important dates ahead.

We are incredibly proud of all of our students for the calm, professional and mature approach that they have taken throughout the year so far, and not least by the students who are currently sitting their BTEC examinations. We are pleased to report that the student feedback so far has been extremely positive and we look forward to receiving the outcome of these examinations in the coming months.

All students are currently very busy preparing themselves for the final round of mock examinations which take place between Monday 20th and Monday 27th of February. These important assessments present students with a final experience of how the GCSE examinations will feel and provide crucial information as to the next steps needed. To support you and your child during this period of revision, we have enclosed key information including online resources and a copy of their mock examination timetable.

As with the last mock examinations, with student feedback and wellbeing in mind, we will once again be allowing students to leave the school after their final examination of the day to prepare for the next day at home between Monday 20th and Friday 24th of February. If you would prefer your child to stay in school, please get in contact.

**Important Dates:**

15th May	Start of the GCSE Examinations
28th June	End of the GCSE Examinations
24th August	GCSE Results Day

If you have any questions at all about the information shared or the months ahead, please do not hesitate to get in contact.

Best wishes,



**Jonathan Palmer**  
Deputy Head Teacher

**Key Subject Information and Revision Tips:**

<p><b>Revision skills that really work...</b></p>	<p><b>Repetition:</b> Studies suggest that you have to learn something three – six times before you will have it in your Long Term Memory. Repeating the same activities at spaced intervals will help you to learn better.</p> <p><b>Recall/quizzes:</b> Doing small tests regularly will help you remember more content. It doesn't matter how well you do, these are quizzes to help you learn, not to test you.</p> <p><b>Getting things wrong:</b> If you get something wrong or find it hard your brain is more likely to remember it for next time.</p> <p><b>Doing things from memory:</b> Using your memory alone (without notes) is the best way to transfer things to your Long Term Memory.</p> <p><i>'Top Tip': Put the phone away, reduce distractions, and quiz yourself for 20 minute chunks with 10 minute breaks in between.</i></p>
<p><b>Mental Health and Wellbeing</b></p>	<p>We know that this can be a very stressful time and we always encourage students to talk to their coach or teacher if they need support. If you are concerned about the mental health and wellbeing of your child please contact the school.</p>
<p><b>English Language and Literature</b></p>	<p>GCSE Exams: English Language (x2), English Literature (x2)  Texts studied: Woman in Black, Romeo &amp; Juliet, Jekyll &amp; Hyde  Exam Board: Edexcel  Revision: Every Thursday at 3.40pm</p>
<p><b>Maths</b></p>	<p>GCSE Exams: Paper 1 (Non-calculator), Paper 2 &amp; 3 (calculator)  Exam Board: Edexcel  Revision: Every Monday at 3.40pm  'Go-to' Revision Website: <a href="https://www.onmaths.com/">https://www.onmaths.com/</a></p>
<p><b>Science</b></p>	<p>GCSE Exams: Biology, Chemistry, Physics  Exam Board: AQA  Revision: Every Friday at 3.40pm  'Go-to' Revision Website: <a href="https://www.century.tech/">https://www.century.tech/</a></p>
<p><b>Art</b></p>	<p>A portfolio of two projects that must include clear evidence of the creative journey from initial engagement to the realisation of intentions.  Exam Board: AQA</p>
<p><b>Drama</b></p>	<p>GCSE Exam: Written on the text 'DNA'  Performances: October 13th and February 8th  Exam Board: Edexcel  Support: Every Thursday afternoon during Enrichment</p>
<p><b>French &amp; Spanish</b></p>	<p>GCSE Exams: Speaking, Writing, Listening, Reading  Exam Board: AQA  Revision: Every Thursday (French) and Tuesday (Spanish) at 3.40pm  'Go-to' Revision Website: <a href="https://www.languagenut.com/en-gb/">https://www.languagenut.com/en-gb/</a></p>
<p><b>Geography</b></p>	<p>GCSE Exams: Paper 1 (Natural Hazards, Living World &amp; UK Landscapes), Paper 2 (Urban Issues, Economic World, Resource Management) and Paper 3 (Issue Evaluation)</p>

	Exam Board: AQA Revision: Every Wednesday at 1.00pm 'Go-to' Revision Website: <a href="https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/">https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/</a>
<b>History</b>	GCSE Exams: Paper 1 (Germany), Paper 2 (Conflict and Tension), Paper 3 (Elizabethan England) Exam Board: AQA Revision: Every Tuesday at 3.40pm 'Go-to' Revision Website: <a href="https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/">https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/</a>
<b>Sociology</b>	GCSE Exams: Paper 1 (Family and Education), Paper 2 (Crime, Deviance and Social Stratification) Exam Board: AQA

## Year 11 Provisional Mock Exam Timetable, February 2022

### Key Information:

- Students must arrive to school on time each day and be ready on the roof at 8.25am
- Students must bring the full equipment required for each exam, including a calculator
- **Mobile Phones and Smart Watches** are not permitted inside the exam room
- Students will have the opportunity to go home and prepare themselves for the next day each afternoon (20th - 24th of February).

Day and Date	Start Time	Subject	Location	Time
Monday 20/02	08.35am	English Language	Hall	2 Hour 5 Min
Monday 20/02	11.10am	Biology	Hall	1 Hour 15 Min
Tuesday 21/02	08.35am	Maths Paper 1	Hall	1 Hour 30 Min
Tuesday 21/02	11.10am	Chemistry	Hall	1 Hour 15 Min
Wednesday 22/02	08.35am	Maths Paper 2	Hall	1 Hour 45 Min
Wednesday 22/02	11.10am	<b>Option Block C</b> Food & Nutrition French Drama	Hall Hall Hall	1 Hour 30 Min 2 Hour 15 Min 2 Hour
Wednesday 22/02	11.00am	BTEC Digital BTEC Health	Normal Rooms	Normal Lesson
Thursday 23/02	08.35am	English Literature	Hall	1 Hour 40 Min
Thursday 23/02	11.10am	Physics	Hall	1 Hour 15 Min
Friday 24/02	08.35am	<b>Option Block A</b> History Geography Spanish Technology Sociology	Hall Hall TBC Hall Hall	2 Hour 1 Hour 30 Min 2 Hour 15 Min 2 Hour 1 Hour 45 Min
Friday 24/02	11.10am	<b>Option Block B</b> History Geography	Floor 3 Floor 3	2 Hour 1 Hour 30 Min
Friday 24/02	11..00am	Art BTEC Sport BTEC Enterprise	Normal Rooms	Normal Lesson
Monday 27/02	08.35am	Maths Paper 3	Hall	1 Hour 30 Min
Monday 27/02	11.00am	Normal Lessons		