



2nd November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Year 11 mock examinations will run from Friday 27th November – Friday 11th December to which a full timetable will be published on the school website in due course. In order for you to best support your child, please read through the information below, which should help ensure a relatively stress-free exam period.

The purpose of the examinations is to provide both students and teaching staff alike with information regarding students current understanding, as well as gaps in their knowledge. It is, therefore, imperative that students take the mock examinations very seriously both in terms of their preparation and conduct. Furthermore, with the pandemic, we know nothing for certain about the 2021 GCSE examinations other than a three-week delay to the normal start date. The evidence we gain from these exams could be pivotal for your child should they be required as evidence to support centre assessed grades. Students must do everything they can to do their very best in these mock exams. Your child will soon receive a personalised timetable to ensure that they are fully aware of the dates and time of each exam. Please ask your child to share this information with you so you can firstly monitor their revision and, secondly, ensure they are fully prepared to attend with all the necessary equipment.

As per examinations regulations, students must write in black biro and store all equipment in a transparent pencil case. We will not be able to give out equipment given the current Covid-19 guidelines. Regarding electronic devices, in particular mobile phones and apple watches, these must not be in the possession of the student inside the examination room. These must be either left at home or placed in lockers.

I thank you in advance for your support and co-operation, please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries regarding these examinations.

Checklist for Parents

- Ensure your child fully understands the mock examination timetable
- Ensure your child creates a revision timetable and adheres to it
- Encourage your child to make full use of revision guides and resources available to them
- Ensure all relevant equipment is available (due to Covid-19, the LRC is not available prior to examinations in the morning and only limited access throughout the day)
- Ensure punctuality to all examinations
- Ensure your child attends all intervention and revision sessions