

19th October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers and Year 11 students,

Mock exams 2023

The first round of mock exams for the current year 11 students are scheduled to start on November the 23rd and will continue until December 8th 2023. The mock exam timetable is attached to this letter.

GCSE Parent information evening

There will be a GCSE parent information evening on Wednesday November 8th from 6.00pm to 7.00pm. The purpose of this evening is to highlight key dates and give parents information on how they can support students throughout year 11 . It is hugely important that all parents attend this evening.

Purpose of mock exams

The purpose of the mock exams is to help prepare pupils for the GCSE exams in the summer term and as such we will be modelling the expected routines the pupils will experience in the real GCSEs. The mock exams will be marked and graded using GCSE mark schemes. The grades attained will be used on references and for sixth form/college application forms. It is therefore essential that pupils take these exams seriously and revise thoroughly for each exam.

Exam routines and regulations

Please note in line with exam board regulations pupils are not allowed to take the following items into the exam hall:

- Mobile phones
- Smart watches

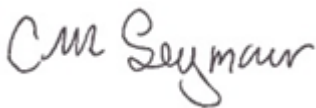
We advise that these items should not be brought into school. If pupils have these items in school they must leave them in their school bags which will be locked securely in the changing rooms for the duration of the exam, however please note the school will not accept responsibility for these items. Any pupil who is found with a mobile phone or smart watch in the exam hall will be disqualified from the exam. In common with other secondary schools in the area we will be using metal detectors to screen pupils on entry to the exam hall to check that no banned items are present.

Support , revision and intervention

We are aware that mock exams can be a stressful time for year 11. We are already offering a full program of intervention and revision sessions both after school and during the lunch break. We strongly recommend that year 11 pupils take full advantage of these sessions. We also recommend that pupils buy the appropriate revision guides and course books. The most cost effective way to purchase these resources is from the school office via parent pay.

We look forward to seeing parents and carers at the information evening on November 8th.

Yours sincerely,



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Deputy Head