



30<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

## **YEAR 11 MOCK EXAMINATIONS W/C 4<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2019**

The week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019 sees the beginning of the Mock examinations for Year 11. The exams are designed to prepare the students for the rigour of the GCSE's they will face in the summer. Your child will need to be fully prepared if they are to make the best use of this time and provide teachers with accurate information to inform next steps.

Please note that before half term students were issued with a copy of their Mock exam timetable; please ensure that your child is aware of the timing of each assessment. Students should also be aware that these results will provide the basis of their predicted grades, which are necessary for all Sixth Form and college applications.

The afternoon examinations are all GCSE option subjects, and therefore do not involve all students. Students not sitting afternoon examinations will be allowed to go home at lunchtime to study and revise. On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> and Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November, students are not required in school unless they are required to sit French or Spanish speaking exams, Art exams or catch up with any coursework or mock exams they have missed. Parents of those with catch up exams/coursework will be notified by text.

All Year 11 students will be given a pack of careers activities to complete over the aforementioned days and should use the time available to actively consider their progression plans for next year and beyond. It also gives some time to rest and recuperate after what has been a stressful period of hard work.

Students this year will be sitting more and increasingly challenging examinations and so it is absolutely crucial they revise and consolidate knowledge and understanding early. It should be noted that where expected progress is not secured in the mock exams, your child will be invited to re-sit at a later date.

Students should ensure that they come properly equipped for each exam as there will be checks to ensure all the necessary requirements are met. No equipment they should carry as standard will be lent by the school to students during the exam period. It is also crucial that absolutely no mobile phones are brought into school during the exam period, as possession of a phone in the examination hall will lead to disqualification.

Punctuality is also very important and students who arrive late for exams will not be allowed to sit the examination papers. This will result in them receiving no grade. They are expected to be in school no later than 8.30am. Timetabled lessons will continue during the times students are not in their exams.

I wish your child all the best and myself and the school would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the hard work and endeavour shown students in Year 11.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Ms E Connolly

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