



4<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you had a lovely holiday and your child has returned well rested and ready for their first set of mock examinations. I am writing to make you aware of key information regarding the timetable as well as providing an overview of the year and the resources at their disposal. We know that this can be a daunting year for parents as much as it can be for students and we want to do all we can to support you.

There will be two sets of mock examinations over the course of this year. The first of these **begins tomorrow and runs until Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 2024**. The second series of mock examinations will take place during February, with written examinations beginning on **10<sup>th</sup> February 2025 and continuing when the students return after the February half term holiday**. A copy of the schedule for this upcoming series can be found below and is also available on our website.

Date	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November
am		Art (A) / Photography (A)	Art (B) / Photography (B)	French Speaking	French Speaking
pm		Art (A) / Photography (A)	Art (B) / Photography (B)	French Speaking	French Speaking
Date	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November
P1	English Language Paper 1hr45	Maths Paper 1 1hr30	Biology Paper 1 1hr15 / 1hr45	Geography Paper 2 1hr30 History Paper 1 1hr15	Chemistry Paper 1 1hr15 / 1hr45
P4			French Reading F/H 0hr45 / 1hr	French Writing F/H 1hr00 / 1hr15	
Date	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November
P1	Maths Paper 3 1hr30	English Literature Paper 2 2hr15	Physics Paper 1 1hr15 / 1hr45	Geography Paper 3 1hr15 History Paper 2 1hr15	Catch Up Sessions
P4	French Listening 0hr35 / 0hr45		Engineering 1h30 Sport 1h:00	Health and Social Care 1h30	

Mock examinations are vital in helping students to become more familiar with what to expect when they sit their examinations in the summer. They give the students experience of examination conditions and can help alleviate exam pressure, allowing them to get a feel of what to expect during the GCSEs. They are a great way for students to practice the examination techniques that they are being taught in lessons and exercises the brain to build

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exam stamina and resilience. Mock examinations help students to test their revision strategies, ensuring that they are able to prepare in the best way possible, and will also help to identify topics that students are not so confident in. They are also a great opportunity to ask for help.

## Revision Materials

To aid with revision, students have access to a number of different revision materials shared with them by their subject teachers, which includes online platforms such as Seneca, Sparx Maths, Kerboodle, as well as access to the full suite of Pearson Revision Guides using their Microsoft Oasis Academy Login details. Details on how to access this have been shared in tutor. Students have also been given a revision booklet, which outlines the content that they need to be revising for each of the examinations.

## Attendance of Exams

Attendance to the mock examinations is very important, as they provide us with a lot of information to help identify gaps in knowledge and understanding as well as the skills students need to be successful, but also to identify where students will need additional support so that intervention can take place in a timely and effective manner. There is also a strong link between attendance to school in general and achievement. By being in school students can gain from the expertise of their teachers and develop the knowledge and techniques they need to be successful, and this significantly improves their chances of securing strong outcomes at the end of Year 11. We therefore appreciate your support in ensuring that students are attending school and providing them with the best opportunities available to them once they leave.

## Key examination dates

We would also like to take this opportunity to inform you of other key dates that are coming up throughout the year. Several subjects have examinations that fall outside of the traditional summer examination timetables, as well as internal assessments that take place across the school year, and so continued attendance to school is vital in ensuring that students can achieve. Specific deadlines will be shared with students in lessons which have to be adhered to, but an overview is given below for your information.

Year 11 Parents' Evening		Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2024 4pm to 7pm
Health & Social Care	Unit 2 Completion	September to December 2024
	Unit 3 Examination	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2025 (selected students) Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2025
Sports Studies	Unit 2 Completion	September to December 2024
	Unit 3 Examination	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2025 (selected students) Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2025
Music	Unit 2 Completion	September to December 2024
	Unit 3 Completion	January to May 2025
	Performances	April 2025
Engineering	Unit 1 and 2 Completion	September 2024 to May 2025
	Unit 3 Examination	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2025

Hospitality & Catering	Unit 1 Examination	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2025
	Unit 2 Completion	September 2024 to May 2025 to include Practical Assessment and date to be confirmed
Fine Art	Portfolio Completion	September 2024 to May 2025
	Timed Examination	April / May 2025
Photography	Portfolio Completion	September 2024 to May 2025
	Timed Examination	April / May 2025
French	Speaking Examinations	April / May 2025

It is crucial that students attend school as much as possible to ensure that they are able to prepare effectively. Thank you for your support in helping your child achieve their full potential. We look forward to welcoming you at the end of term for Parents' Evening where we will discuss the mock examinations, your child's progress and our plans for intervention.

Yours sincerely



Ms R Revell  
Principal