

Re: Mock Exams - Year 11

Dear Parent/Carer,

We will be completing mock exams with our Year 11 students from the week beginning the **23rd November to the 3rd December 2020**.

This mock exam period is an opportunity for your child to showcase the progress that they have made since our return to school in September. We expect all of our students to try their hardest and to display a real commitment to learning. Teachers, across all subjects, will be using these mock exams as evidence for predicted grades and C2L.

It is important that all students try their hardest so that teachers can then respond and support with appropriate intervention and resources to improve areas for development; this is to ensure that your child makes progress towards their target grades.

As you know, in 2020 there were no external exams and currently we do not have confirmed details about the 2021 summer exam period. We expect there to be external exams but there are many rumours and guesses being talked about. To make clear, as yet, the DfE and Ofqual have not made any decisions or confirmed these with us so we are working towards an external exam season in 2021.

However, we do need to ensure that if we have to enter Centre Assessed Grades, as with the 2020 cohort of Year 11 students, we have adequate evidence to support any grades awarded as a centre to students: ultimately, without evidence of learning we cannot justify grades that your child may be capable of.

We are also not clear on the national picture with potential lockdowns or periods of remote learning where students will need to work and complete learning from home. Currently, we are aiming to sit our mock exams in the traditional way (in our Sports Hall with students appropriately and socially distanced) but if we need to move to a remote system of completing the mock exams, you will be updated and clear details and instructions will be shared with you.

In this instance, students will still be expected to submit their exams and this will be done via Google Docs or Forms. All mock exams will be released/closed at the times shown on the attached mock exams timetable. It will be the responsibility of our students to ensure they complete each exam assigned to them. We would ask in this situation that you support, where possible, in ensuring no plagiarism or copying from the internet takes place. Our teachers will need to use professional judgements and possibly ask questions if plagiarism is suspected.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us and thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

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