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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 GCSE November 2020 Mock Exams

Year 11 pupils are currently working hard in preparation for their mock GCSE exams taking place from **Monday 16 November to Thursday 26 November 2020 inclusive**. The school day will be adapted for the exam period to incorporate two exam sessions per day. Mock exams are vital to GCSE preparation as we strive to replicate, as far as possible, the summer revision and exam-sitting processes. A second set of mocks will be held in February/March 2021. Attached is the Joint Council for Qualifications information and regulations for written exams; students should familiarise themselves with this information now.

Most exams will be held in the Sports Hall. Pupils with exam access arrangements will be informed of arrangements and rooming prior to their exams via the form tutors. Morning exams will start promptly at 09:15 and pupils will be expected to line up, at their normal entrance, by 09:00 each day to allow for a prompt start. All pupils are required to attend lessons when not sitting an exam and are expected to be in full school uniform throughout the exam period. Pupils will, of course, be informed of all expectations and protocols for sitting their exams.


Please find attached the generic exam schedule. Pupils will be given copies of their own exam timetables with seating allocations via their tutors in due course. On the day of the exam pupils should check their allocation via the notifications displayed in the exams area. It would be very helpful if you would remind your child to come to the exams fully equipped with two black pens, a pencil, ruler, rubber and, for Mathematics exams, a calculator, protractor and pair of compasses. All items should be contained in a clear pencil case.

To keep pupils safe whilst sitting their exams they will be supervised at all times, hand sanitiser will be located at the entrance and exit to the exam hall, tables will be spaced in line with social distancing requirements and pupils will be escorted to the toilets, if required.

Finally, in order to support your child with their revision in each subject, Heads of Department are creating a “Year 11 Mocks Revision” folder within the subject Microsoft Teams class materials. This will include details of the exam format together with appropriate revision materials and e-Learning links.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child’s tutor if you have any immediate queries regarding the mock exams.

Yours sincerely



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