



18 October 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

Year 11 Mock Examinations November 2018 and February 2019

Year 11 students will be having two GCSE mock exams sessions over this academic year.

The first session will be held during the weeks beginning 19th and 26th November, and will be for all subjects. A copy of the timetable for this exam period is attached to this letter and will be included on the Weekly Bulletin. Students will have received a personalised timetable in assembly on the 16th October. The students who have a 'clash' of exams have been advised of the re-arranged date and time for their clash exam.

All students should attend lessons when they do not have an exam. For the afternoon exams starting at 2:00pm, they should not go to registration (we will register students in the exam) but go to the Hall for 1:50pm to check where their exam is being held. Please note that some afternoon exams will run on beyond the end of the school day, so your child may need to arrange alternative means of travelling home.

The second session of mock exams will be held in the weeks beginning 18th and 25th February 2019, and will be for Core subjects only. The timetable for this will be given to students in January.

The mock exams will provide your child with the opportunity to practice exam technique in relation to the real GCSE exams that they will be sitting next summer.

Please remind your son/daughter that:

- they must have a **clear pencil case** (or clear plastic bag) for their equipment for all their exams;
- they must do their written work in **black ink or biro only**;
- they need a calculator for all Science exams and the Maths calculator papers;
- they should not have a mobile phone, watch, or any electronic devices on them.

Exam invigilators do have some spare equipment but it is always best to bring their own otherwise they may be disadvantaged.

Students bags may be left unattended whilst they are in exams, therefore students must not leave valuables in them. The school is not responsible for valuable items left in unattended bags. Students will be able to hand in valuables prior to their exam starting for safe keeping.

In order to prepare for these mock exams, along with their notes and workbooks the GCSE Pod and GCSE Bitesize websites are also very useful to browse and learn on:

www.GCSEPOD.com

www.bbc.co.uk/schools/revision - then click on GCSE/Keystage 4.

Please find attached a document listing the textbooks/revision guides available to buy for the relevant subjects to help your child with their revision.

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Year 11 Parents Evening

Please note the date of Parents Evening will be Wednesday 16th January 2019. The Parents Evening will be an opportunity for you to discuss with your child's subject teachers the results from their November mock exams and their progress to date.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish your child every success in these exams.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A Roe', with a small flourish at the end.

Mrs A Roe
Senior Head of Year 11

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