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17th November 2025

Dear Year 11 Parents and Carers,

RE: Mock Exams after Christmas

We are writing to inform you about the upcoming mock exams in January and reminders about revision. When they return to school after Christmas, the Year 11s will have four school days before the mock exams begin. It is therefore essential that students utilise the final weeks of this term, alongside the holidays to prepare.

Dates of the mock exams

The mock exams run from **Friday 9th - Friday 16th January 2026**.

Mock Logistics

You will be sent your child's personalised mock exam timetable in the next couple of weeks. In the meantime, please find the generic timetable below. Students will sit most of their exams in the Sports Hall so that they get to know the protocols for the real GCSE exams. We are changing the school day for this period to cater for the exams – so that Period 4 moves to after lunch. Most exams will then run in double periods 1&2 and 4&5. Period 3, students will go to their timetabled lesson, decompress and prepare for their next assessments.

Mock timetable

	AM Form	P1	P2	P3	P4	PM Form	P5
Friday 9 th	Normal Lessons	Normal Lessons	Normal Lessons	Normal Lessons	Option A Exam Geography (1hr30), History 1hr50), REP (1hr45), Economics (1hr45), DT (2hrs), Hosp & Catering (1hr30), Art (1hr50 in Art Room)		
Monday 12 th	English Literature (Shakespeare and the 19th century novel) (1hr30)			Normal Lessons	Option C Exam French Writing (1hr), Spanish Writing (1hr), Geography (1hr30), History (1hr50), REP (1hr45), Computer Science (2hrs), Business Studies (2hrs), Drama (1hr45)		
Tuesday 13 th	Option B Exam Geography (1hr30), History (1hr50), Imedia (1hr15), Computer Science (2hrs), Business Studies (2hrs), DT (2hrs), Food & Nutrition (1hr45), Music (1hr30 in Music Room)			Normal Lessons	Maths (Non-Calculator) (1hr30)		
Wednesday 14 th	Option D Exam French Writing (1hr) , Spanish Writing (1hr), Geography (1hr30), Art (1hr50 in Art Room), PE (1hr), BTEC Sport (1hr), Business Studies (2hrs), Food & Nutrition (1hr45)			Normal Lessons	Biology Combined Science (1hr15) Triple Science (1hr45)		
Thursday 15 th	Chemistry Combined Science (1hr15) Triple Science (1hr45)			Normal Lessons	Normal Lessons	French & Spanish Reading	
Friday 16 th	Physics Combined Science (1hr15) Triple Science (1hr45)			Normal Lessons	Maths (Calculator) (1hr30)		

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Nb. It is not possible for all students to complete a mock exam in their option subjects at the same time. Instead, students will complete their option subject exams alongside students doing other subjects.

To work out which session they complete each option subject exam in, they can refer to the letter contained in their class code on their timetable and compare it to the letters shown in the table above. For example, 11B/Ge1 will be completing their Geography mock exam during the morning on Tuesday 13th.

Which subject they are doing when will also be shown on their personalised timetables, when they are distributed.

Access Arrangements & Extra Time

If your child has specific access arrangements in place e.g. separate room/reader/scribe/rest breaks - this will be accommodated for the mock exams. Students with extra time will also have this arrangement during the mocks. However, for some afternoon exams – this may mean your child does not finish their exam by 3:15 and has to stay after school to complete their allocated time. This will be shown on your child's personalised timetable. **We ask that you make arrangements for them to get home if this is the case, as the buses will have departed by this time.**

Attendance and punctuality

All Year 11 students must sit their mock exams. This is the best way for us to help your child for the real exams, by knowing where they are currently at. We found that students who missed the mock exams last year were under greater stress in the real exams as they didn't know what to expect. Please ensure your child is in school and is on time.

Equipment

Please help ensure your child is prepared and has the equipment they need:

- Clear pencil case
- Pencils
- Ruler
- Rubber
- 2 black pens
- Geometry set for maths
- Calculator (unless not allowed for an exam e.g., Maths non-calculator)

Mobile phones, watches (of any kind), AirPods or similar are **not** allowed in the exams. Any students who commit malpractice in their exams e.g. caught cheating, will score a zero for their paper and be sanctioned in line with the behaviour policy.

Revision reminders

Please revisit our GCSE Support page [here](#) for lots of support materials and guidance. We know many students started their revision earlier this term and feel confident about the mock exams. If your child is feeling worried or anxious, please ask them to speak to their tutor, Mrs Burton, Mr Fell or myself before the break so we can reassure them and support them.

If your child has any questions about the mock exams, please encourage them to speak to their subject teacher, Mr Linnett (our exams officer), Mr Stone or myself before we break for the holidays.

Kind regards,

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