



Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Mock Examinations – Year 11**

I am writing to inform you of the forthcoming mock examinations for your Year 11 child. The examinations will take place from Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November to Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. The mocks are an important part of Year 11, as they will give an indication as to how well your child may do in the final GCSE examinations. In addition, teachers can use the results from these mocks to focus on key knowledge and skills leading into the Summer examination season and to make sure we support your child in their remaining time. Please be aware that many colleges and further education institutions ask for predicted or estimated grades for application forms. Your child may therefore need to use the grades issued from the exams for this process.

I will write to you in November with final mock examination details and I will explain this in an assembly to the students.

### **Revision**

Each subject will provide information on what to revise for each mock exam. It is important that your child has a revision timetable in place to support their success. Students have been supported with this during form time. If your child has not completed their timetable, we have attached a template with this letter. Each day in form, our tutors are also completing specific revision strategies with students to support them with learning which strategies will support them the best.

### **October half term revision**

To support your child in maximising their potential, we are running revision sessions across a number of subjects during half-term, focusing on exam success, technique and addressing gaps in knowledge identified in the mock exams.

I strongly encourage you to ensure that your child attends these revision sessions as we approach the start of the GCSE mock examination season. The timetable of sessions is attached to this letter. If students are attending a longer day, students may bring a packed lunch or leave site to go home or to the shop. All students should enter school via reception and sign in and out of the building. Student do not need to wear school uniform.

## **Support**

GCSE examinations bring with them lots of different emotions which vary from student to student. We recognise that this can be a challenging time for students and families for many reasons, and we want to support students in terms of their mental and emotional health by offering and reminding you about the following additional opportunities:

### **Year 11 Pastoral support:**

Mrs Rawcliffe and Mrs Regan are always here to help and guide our students, and no concern is too small.

### **Form time support:**

Form tutors are your child's school champion. Form time is very important to set students up for the day to be successful. During form time, form tutors also complete the following routines – check uniform and equipment, teach specific revision strategies, creating a revision timetable and completing wellbeing check ins. After half term we will be running our Year 11 inter form competition every Friday. Students will take part in a range of games and fun activities to compete for Year 11 form champion 2025.

### **Homework club:**

Our school library is open from 3-4pm each day with a member of staff to offer advice and support to our students with their homework.

### **Kooth:**

<https://connect.kooth.com/young-people>

An online service which offers access to anonymous and personalised mental health support for Children and Young People. Please access the link above to find out more, or contact us at school if you need any help and advice.

As a parent/carer, you also play a vital role. Encouraging your child to regularly revise, and communication and discussing feelings around exams stress and pressure is important. For other families it will be reminding your child to relax, sleep well, eat well and do some non-school related activities.

## **Attendance**

Year 11 is a pivotal time for students as they prepare for their GCSEs and other key assessments. Every lesson counts, and consistent attendance is essential for ensuring that students are fully equipped with the knowledge, skills, and confidence needed for their exams. Missing even a small amount of school can lead to gaps in learning, which may be difficult to fill as the year progresses.

Research shows that students who attend school regularly are more likely to achieve better academic results and build positive study habits. Additionally, regular attendance helps students develop time management and organisational skills, which will benefit them beyond their school years.

Mondays and Fridays are days when Year 11 attendance is lowest. We understand that illness and other unavoidable circumstances may occasionally affect attendance. However, we kindly ask for your support in ensuring that your child attends school regularly, unless there is a genuine reason for absence. If there are any concerns that might be affecting your child's attendance, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here to support both you and your child through this important year.

Further intervention and revision sessions for Year 11s will start after October half term. I will write to you again to confirm these details.

If you have any questions or require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact school.

Yours sincerely



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