

13/11/23

Dear Parents/Carer,

We are fast approaching the second set of mock exams. Students are preparing for these exams in a very positive manner with students completing their written homework, online homework as well as their own revision. Please encourage your son/daughter to show you their revision and check in regularly to check their revision and exam timetable.

In preparation for this set of exams all students have been made aware, via our assembly this week, of the expectations of this set of mocks including what they need to do and bring for each exam.

Why do we do mocks

1. Helps prepare students for the 'real' exams next summer trialling revision techniques
2. Shows their teachers areas of strengths and areas to improve
3. Gives students 'endurance' for when completing the exams next summer
4. Routines which can help ease their stress for the real exams

What can students do to prepare for your mocks?

1. Attend all lessons including period 7 revision sessions.
2. Be on time to school to benefit from Period 0 English and Maths revision
3. Focus and complete all work in all lessons
4. Complete online and written homework
5. Revision of key topics using techniques like Cornell notes, flash cards, mind maps and past exam questions.
6. PLC checklist booklet of all the topics in the mocks - this has been shared with all students.

Exam regulations - please find attached a link the JCQ regulations [HERE](#)

Students are allowed to bring specific items, such as a black pen; a clear bottle of water with no label; and their exam timetable with no writing on. However, all equipment will be provided to complete their exam. Clear communication of these rules and expectations is crucial to avoid misunderstandings and ensure that the exam process is conducted with integrity and fairness.

Personal belongings that are not allowed to be taken into exam venues include: bags; backpacks; notes; textbooks; and electronic devices, such as mobile phones, smartwatches and earphones.

We will allow students to place bags and valuables inside a safe place before exams. We strongly discourage students from bringing high value (monetary) or invaluable (sentimental) items to school. If these items are brought to school it is the owner's responsibility to ensure that they are kept safe. While on school premises or engaged in school activities the school will not accept any responsibility or liability for their recovery or replacement in the case of loss, theft or damage.

Students will receive their results in the 'Brown Envelope' assembly before the Christmas break. I am very hopeful our year 11 students will achieve some fantastic results in this set of mocks exams and take another successful step towards their actual GCSE's next summer.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact your sons/daughter Head of Year.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gill', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr Gill
Senior Assistant Headteacher