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Year 11 Mock Exams

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 11 will sit their final mock examinations next week (Monday 14th March - Friday 18th March, 2022). We know that this can be a time of anxiety for students and their family so please take the time to familiarise yourselves with our responses to some frequently asked questions and to reach out to us if you feel that your child needs any extra support or you have any further questions:

What are these exams for?

This second set of mocks allows us to resubmit improved grades, enhancing students' chances of getting into their preferred destinations. A second set of mock examinations presents students with the chance for more practice under exam conditions. Covid-19 has reduced the number of times that students get this experience, so although nerve-wracking, it is a supportive opportunity to prepare students for the real exams. Students will be expected to adhere to exam conditions including handing in their phones and watches.

See the exam timetable [here](#)

What support is in place for year 11?

A lot of support has been put in place to support year 11 during this year. It is important that we balance the need to develop their independence whilst working under pressure to achieve highly and fulfil their potential at the same time as making allowances for the inevitable anxieties and associated behaviours. We want to prepare them for success post-GCSE; both academically and emotionally. Year 11's have access to the following:

- Student Wellbeing Room (Monday-Friday)
 - Saturday Revision (dates TBC)
 - Academic mentors
 - Daily Lunch revision room (A006)
 - Easter holiday revision (week 1)
 - After-school booster sessions
 - Twilight revision (dates TBC)
 - Application support and sixth form interview prep with careers adviser
 - 'Managing Stress & Anxiety' sessions with Deep Black (March)
- Book in advance

Will breakfast be provided?

Students who arrive in school before 8.30 will be offered croissants for breakfast before the morning examination in the Ash canteen.

Where students have two morning exams, they will be given a breakfast bar between exams

Headteacher: Angela Wallace



Lunch will be provided in the Ash Canteen

Will lessons still be happening?

Yes. Students will attend their timetabled lessons when they are not in an examination. Students are expected to attend all lessons and to actively participate. Students will not be permitted to revise instead of attending these lessons or to use the lessons to revise. Students are expected to revise at home and during the lunchtime revision lessons. There will also be drop-in boosters for the two weeks during the examination period.

What happens if my child is late?

Students must arrive at school on time and should be in the Ash canteen by 8.30 at the latest. They will be registered before the exam. It is extremely important that if your child is running late or is unwell you contact the attendance team immediately on 020 8889 6761 as attempts will be made to contact home to establish the whereabouts of any students who are unaccounted for. Students who do not arrive on time for their exam will not be given extra time; the exam timetable does not allow for this.

What else can I do to support my child?

Keep on communicating with them. Exams can cause stress and uncertainty about their future so it is important to keep on talking. Look out for the topic list from the exam boards to ensure that you and your child are clear on what will be covered on their exams.

Try the [Headspace free trial](#). It is designed to improve health and hygiene through guided meditation, sleep and breathing and can be done by your child alone, with a parent/ carer or as a whole family.

I am worried that my child will not do well

Following year 11 Parent/ carers evening, information evening and the last set of mock results, you should have a clear understanding of your child's attainment. If you were unable to attend or do not have these details, please ask your child to request this information from their form tutor. We will be running a year 11 mock results event and information evening in April. A confirmed date will follow shortly.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Year 11 Team, should you have any concerns or questions.

Best Wishes,
Year 11 Team

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