

24 October 2024

Dear parent/carer,

As we approach the upcoming mock exams, I want to take a moment to outline what to expect and the school's expectations for all involved.

The mock exams will take place from Monday 25th November to Friday 6th December. A detailed schedule has been shared with students and parents, outlining the specific subjects and times for each exam and we have attached this again.

These exams serve as a valuable opportunity for students to experience a testing environment similar to actual exams. They help identify areas of strength and areas needing improvement, allowing students to prepare effectively for the upcoming academic year and final assessments.

We encourage students to engage in thorough revision, use study materials, attend any review sessions, and seek help from teachers if needed. Students should arrive at least 30 minutes before their exam start time. This ensures a calm and organised beginning to each exam.

These mocks are preparation and practice for the real exam series. It is vital that all students adhere to our exam protocols, including maintaining academic integrity. This means no cheating or bringing unauthorised materials into the exam room. While we understand that exams can be stressful and encourage students to manage their time effectively and reach out for support if they are feeling overwhelmed, there is a strong expectation that students follow invigilator's instructions and treat the mocks as real exams.

We ask for your support in encouraging your child during this time. Open discussions about study habits, stress management, and the importance of these exams can help alleviate anxiety.

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We appreciate your co-operation and support as we work together to ensure that our students perform to the best of their abilities. If you have any questions or require further information, please feel free to contact the school office.

In addition, there will be **revision sessions over the October half term: Tuesday 29th October** English 09.00-12.00 Science 12.00-15.00 **Wednesday 30th October** Music all day Science 09.00-12.00

Thank you for your attention, and we wish all our students the best of luck in their preparations.

Your faithfully

Mr David Knowles Exams Officer

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