

11 February 2021

Y11 March Mock Exams

Dear Y11 Parents / Carers,

It was lovely to see so many of you at parents' evening last night, thank you for attending. We are writing to outline some key points about the next set of mock exams, exam board changes, and expectations for Year 11 students over the half term.

Mocks

The final set of Year 11 mock exams will run from Monday 28th February to the Friday 11th March. Students and parents will receive a separate email with their individual mock timetable today.

Exam board changes

The exam boards have now released the updated information regarding changes to GCSE exam specifications. Last night, you would have received details of this from individual subject teachers, with advice on how students should engage with the changes. It is extremely important that students familiarise themselves with all changes so they revise accurate information. The Year 11 revision website will be regularly updated with details students can refer back to.

Revision over half term

The half term break is a good opportunity for students to rest and reset their batteries for the final stretch of their GCSEs, however, it is also imperative that students use their time wisely and complete revision across the course of the week. To help students balance this, we have drawn up a suggested holiday timetable. There is no requirement for students to follow this, however it might help them understand how to balance completing revision with getting enough rest. Regardless of how students decide to structure their week, we would suggest aiming for approximately 3 hours of revision per subject.

Students have been informed they should be using exam style questions to revise in most subjects at this stage of the year. Individual teachers have given guidance to students in lessons and in your conversations last night.

Time	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
9:00-10:00	Free time	Maths	English	Option 4	Go for a walk	Option 1	Option 3	Exercise	Science
10:00-11:00							Option 3		
11:00-11:15	BREAK								
11:15-12:15	Free time	Science	Option 2	Science	Free time	English	Option 4	Free time	
12:15-13:15				Option 1					Maths
13.15-14.15	LUNCH								
14:15-15:15	Go for a walk	Option 1	Listen to some music	Exercise	Maths	Exercise	Go for a walk	Option 2	Read a book
15:15-16:15									
16:15-16:30	BREAK								
16:30-17:30	Free time	Read a book	Option 3	Bake a cake	Option 2	Option 4	Research Post-16 courses	English	Free time
17:30-18:30									

To support your child in how to revise in each subject, please use our Y11 revision website at <https://kaa.org.uk/students-parents/year-11-revision/>.

Key dates

- Thursday 31st March - Year 11 Parent Information Evening, 6pm-7pm
- Monday 16th May - GCSE exams begin

Post 16

All students should have made at least 3 applications to post-16 courses. If they have not already done so, it is crucial they do this now to guarantee themselves a place on a course at a sixth form or college this September.

We hope you have a good half term break with your child and family, and we look forward to welcoming students back to school on **Monday 21st February**.

Kind regards,



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Co-Directors of Learning Year 11