



22 November 2022

Y11 Mock Exams

Dear Y11 Parents / Carers,

Following on from our last email before half term, I am writing to inform you about the upcoming Year 11 Mocks taking place from **Monday 28th November to Thursday 8th December**. Friday 9th December is a staff training day and the school is closed to students.

During the mock period there will be some changes to the school day. Students are expected to arrive every day at the usual time – between 8:00 and 8:30. Their finish time will depend on the length of their afternoon exam. There are no normal Year 11 lessons taking place during the 2-week mock period. Instead, students will have mock exams or study sessions. If a student does not have an exam, they will study in their timetabled classroom – where they will be expected to revise independently throughout the study session. If students don't have an afternoon exam, they will be registered by their usual classroom teacher at 2pm and then sent home to revise (behaviour dependent).

As mentioned, we are keen to make this mock exam experience as much like the real GCSE weeks as possible. Therefore, if a student misses an exam for an unauthorised reason, they may receive a U grade for that paper. If you are aware of any unavoidable medical (or other) appointments, please let us know immediately so we can reschedule any exams in advance, during the “catch up” exam period on Thursday 8th December where possible. *(Please note, students will have a second opportunity to sit GCSE mock exams in March).*

Detention for Year 11 will be operating as normal during this time. Given how hard students have been working and how important this period is, however, we expect very few detentions. Students should be aware that the exams will be externally invigilated so **formal exam behaviour** and conduct will be expected. Failure to meet these expectations (talking in exams or turning around etc.) will be sanctioned severely. Students are expected to attend their mock exams in **full school uniform**.

Students should now be revising at home in preparation for these mock exams and the real GCSEs to follow. Creating a revision timetable will really help them do this in an organised way. We have issued each student with a blank revision timetable and advised them on how to go about this. Please go through these revision timetables with them so you know how they are preparing. Students have also been given a personal copy of their exam timetable. This shows when each of their exams are and how long they will last. Students must take care of these and bring them into school every day during the mock period.

Students will receive their results on the **Mock Results Evening**, which will take place on **Thursday 5th January from 6pm. Please add this date to your diary now if you have not already done so.**

Following the Post-16 drop down day last half term, your child will have a 10-minute meeting with the Careers Coordinator, Miss Weaver. This meeting will take place the weeks commencing 14th November and 21st November. During this meeting your child will be able to talk through their plans for post-16 with Miss Weaver and receive guidance regarding what the best options are for them. At KAA we require all students to apply for a minimum of three post-16 options. This should reflect a range of ‘ambitious’, ‘realistic’ and ‘safe’ choices. Many deadlines for post-16 applications fall at the beginning of December, therefore it is important that your child is actively thinking about their post-16 options and making decisions that will be best for them. If you would like to discuss your child's post-16 options in great detail,



please contact Miss Weaver, who will reply to any of your questions or concerns. For a guide to post-16 applications, please visit the [Careers Post-16 Webpage](#).

Lastly, we know the period of mock exams and post-16 applications can be a pressured and anxious time for many students. Please be assured that we are preparing students for these exams carefully and always have their wellbeing at the heart of everything we do. If you do feel that your child is struggling more than expected however, please do get in touch with their Directors of Learning - their addresses are s.armitage@kaa.org.uk and m.bridgewater@kaa.org.uk.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nick Edwards', is written over a horizontal line.

Nick Edwards
Assistant Principal – Data & Timetabling

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| Scheduled time: 8:45 | 1 | Science - Biology 1 hr 15 mins (combined) 1 hr 45 mins (triple) | Geography 1 1 hr 30 mins | English Literature 1 1 hr 45 mins | Science - Chem 1 hr 15 mins (combined) 1 hr 45 (triple) | Maths 1 Calculator 1 hr 30 mins | English Language - Paper 2 1 hr 45 mins | Maths 2 Non-calculator 1 hr 30 mins | Geography 2 1hr | Science - Physics 1 hr 15 mins (combined) 1 hr 45 (triple) | No Exams |
| End time: | 10:15/10:45 | 10:30 | 10:45 | 10:15/10:45 | 10:30 | 10:45 | 10:30 | 10:00 | 10:15/10:45 | | |
| Arrangements: | Comb Students Released to study rooms - 149, Triple Students Released to Break | Released to Break After Exam | Students Released to Break | Comb Students Released to study rooms - 149, Triple Students Released to Break | Students Released to Break | Students Released to Break | Students Released to Break | Gg Students Released to Study Rooms After Exam | Comb Students Released to study rooms - 149, Triple Students Released to Break | | |
| Scheduled time: 11:15 | 2 | Psychology 1 1 hr 30 mins | PE 1 1 hr 30 mins | History 1 1 hr 15 mins | Computer Sci. 1 1 hr 30 | Statistics 1 1 hr 30 mins | Psychology 2 1 hr 30 mins | Creative Media Video 1h 30m | PE 2 1 hr | Food prep 1 hr 45 mins | |
| End time: | 13:00 | 13:00 | 12:45 | 13:00 / 13:15 | 13:00 | 13:00 | 13:00 / 13:00 | 12:30 / 13:00 | 13:15 / 12:30 / 12:30 | | |
| No. of students in Exam: | 66 | 29 | 80 | 67 | 49 | 66 | 55 | 39 | 72 | | |
| Arrangements: | Students dismissed to lunch after exam | Students dismissed to lunch after exam | All students go to study rooms after exam | Students dismissed to lunch after exam | Students dismissed to lunch after exam | Students dismissed to lunch after exam | Students dismissed to lunch after exam | PE Students to Study Room Others dismissed to lunch after exam | CS + CI Students to Study Room Others dismissed to lunch after exam | | |
| Scheduled time: 14:00 | 3 | English Literature 2 2 hr 15 mins | French Writing Higher: 1hr 15 mins Foundation: 1hr | Music 1 hr 15 mins | Religious Education 1 Christianity and Islam 2hrs | German List & Read Higher: 1 hr 45 mins Foundation: 1 hr 30 mins | DT 2 hrs | Religious Education 2 Ethics 1 hr | History 2 1 hr 20 mins | Catch-Up Exams | |
| End time: | 16:30 | 15:30 / 15:15 | 15:30 / 16:00 | 16:15 | 16:00 / 15:45 | 16:15 | 15:15 | 15:35 | | | |
| Arrangements: | | | | | | | | 101 | | | |
| Students without an exam are dismissed to go home after 2PM registration with class teacher | | | | | | | | | | | |