

17th November 2023

Y11 Autumn 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 27th November to Friday 8th December**. A full timetable is attached to this email.

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 8:00am and 8:30am. 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 a classroom supervised by a teacher – but 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).

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 periods. (*Please note, students will have a second opportunity to sit GCSE mock exams in March*).

Any detentions for Year 11 will accumulate and be sat on Fridays each week during this time so that students are able to concentrate on their revision during the school week. 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 **Y11 Parents' Evening**, which will take place on **Thursday 11th January from 4.30pm-7.30pm**. **Please add this date to your diary now if you have not already done so.**

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 email addresses are d.rudkin@kaa.org.uk and b.gogarty@kaa.org.uk.

Kind regards,



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Week One

	Monday 27th Nov	Tuesday 28th Nov	Wednesday 29th Nov	Thursday 30th Nov	Friday 1st Dec
Morning Session 9.00am	Maths 1 - Non Calculator 1h 30	Geography 1 1h 30	French Listening/ Reading German Listening/ Reading Foundation - 1h 20m Higher - 1h 45m	English Lang 1h 45	Physics Combined 1h 15 Triple 1h 45
Mid-Morning Session 11.30am	History 1 1hr 20mins - Germany	Psychology 1 1hr 20mins	PE 1 1h 15mins	Computer Science 1 1hr	RE 2 1hr
Afternoon Session 2.00pm	English Lit 2 2h 15	RE 1 2hrs	DT / Food 2h / 1h 45m	Dance 1hr 30 mins Citizenship 1 1h 45mins	Media 1 - Written 1hr 30mins Music 1h 15mins Drama 1hr 30mins

Week Two

	Monday 4th Dec	Tuesday 5th Dec	Wednesday 6th Dec	Thursday 7th Dec	Friday 8th Dec
Morning Session 9.00am	Biology Combined 1h 15 Triple 1h 45	English Lit 1 50mins	Geography 2 1hr	Chemistry Combined 1h 15 Triple 1h 45	History 2 1hr 15mins - Migration
Mid-Morning Session 11.30am	Statistics 1 1h 30mins	Computer Science 2 1hr	French Writing German Writing Foundation - 1h Higher - 1h 15m	Statistics 2 1h 30mins	Citizenship 2 1hr
Afternoon Session 2.00pm	PE 2 1h 15mins	Psychology 2 1h 20mins	RE 3 1hr	Media 2 - Video 1h 30mins	Maths 2 - Calculator 1h 30