

20th February 2024

Y11 Spring 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 26th February to Friday 8th March**. 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 two-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). **A reminder that students are expected in everyday across the two-week mock exam period, including any day(s) where they do not have an exam.**

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.

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/turning around in exams, having a smart watch or phone on their person, etc.) will be sanctioned severely. As per the last set of mocks, 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 will also be given a personal copy of their exam timetable this week. 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 Spring Term reports which will be emailed to parents/carers during the first week after the Easter holidays. There is also a **Year 11 ‘Crunch Time’** parent's evening taking place that week on **Thursday 18th April at 6.00pm**. Please add this date to your diary now if you have not already done so.

Lastly, we know the period of mock exams and lead up to the formal examinations in the summer 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

Week 1					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	26th Feb	27th Feb	28th Feb	29th Feb	1st Mar
Morning Session (9:00am) 08:30 in Theatre	Maths Non Calc 1h 30m	Geography 1 1h 30m	Biology - Paper 2 Combined Science 1h 15m Triple Science 1h 45m	English Lit 1 1h 45m	Chemistry - Paper 2 Combined Science 1h 15m Triple Science 1h 45m
Mid-Morning Session (11:35am) 11:10 in Form	History 1 1h 30m	Psychology 1 1h 30m	PE 1 1h 45m Sports Studies 1h	Computer Science 1 1hr 30m	RE 2 1h
Afternoon Session (2:15pm) 2:00pm in Period 5	English Lit 2 2h 15m	RE 1 2h	DT 2hr Food + Nutrition 1h 45m Construction 1h 45m	Dance 1hr 30m Citizenship 1 1hr	Media Written 1hr 30m Music 1hr 15m Drama 1hr 30m

Week Two

Week 2					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	4th Mar	5th Mar	6th Mar	7th Mar	8th Mar
Morning Session (9:00am) 08:30 in Theatre	English Lang 2 1h 45m	MFL (French + German) Foundation (R+L) 35m + 45m Higher 45m + 1h	Maths Calc 1 1h 30m	Physics - Paper 2 Combined Science 1h 15m Triple Science 1h 45m	History 2 1h 45m
Mid-Morning Session (11:35am) 11:10 in Form	Geography 2 1hr 30m	Computer Science 2 1h 30m	Statistics 2 1h 30	MFL (French + German) Foundation (W) 1h Higher 1h 15m	Citizenship 2 1h
Afternoon Session (2:15pm) 2:00pm in Period 5	Statistics 1 1h 30 Media Studies - Video 1h 30m	Psychology 2 1h 45m	RE 3 1h	PE 2 1h 15m	Maths Calc 2 1h 30m