

30th November 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Mock & Public Exams – KS5

Whilst there is much uncertainty on the horizon I wanted to assure you that as a school we are doing our very best to support the students each day to identify misconceptions in work, plug any gaps in knowledge and to create adjustments to schemes of learning that will enable students to increase their likelihood of success in the Public Exams in June 2021. To this end we have scheduled a number of mock exams in the final weeks of December as well as putting in place further mock exams scheduled for the end of January with details outlined below and attached to this email.

When are the mock exams?

Mock exams for December will take place in the following subjects with the date, time and details outlined on the attached document. Mock exams will commence 9th December and include the following subjects.

- Health and Social Care (Year 13 only)
- Child Development (Year 12 only)
- Business Unit 3 (Year 13 only)
- Sports Studies (Year 12 only)
- Applied Science (Year 12 only)
- ICT (Year 12 and 13)

Why are there no mocks in other subjects scheduled in December?

Asking students to prepare for a large number of mocks in a short space of time would be a mistake, instead many subjects will be doing small in class assessments over the next few weeks alongside the mocks being offered. It is vital that we provide as much formal exam style practice as possible in the coming months as well as providing excellent teaching and learning throughout this period to support our HT students. A formal mock exam period is scheduled for the final two weeks of January, again this is outlined on the document with a formal schedule provided in the week beginning January 4th. We also anticipate further mock exams in some subjects in April to give students more opportunities to develop exam skills and identification of areas for further exploration with teaching staff.

How can I support my child during this period?

Regular and well-spaced out revision is the key to success in both Mock and Public Exams. Students should revise for 30-40 mins every day with the cumulative effect of this over time ensuring they are well prepared. An important by-product of this regular revision is that their anxiety levels will decrease because they are better prepared, success breeds success. You must ensure that they have a quiet space to revise at home or if this is not possible encourage them to work in the Sixth Form both before and after school and ensuring their study periods are well utilised. We would also encourage students to regularly speak to their teachers and to others in their group and on occasions to revise together, however, revision alone is much more effective.

Small steps each day will reduce anxiety, improve performance and build confidence over time.



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Who can I contact for more information?

If you have any questions about the Mock or Public exam series please use the email address details below to contact the relevant staff members.

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Yours faithfully



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