

30th November 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Mock & Public Exams – Year 11

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 February 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 7th December and include the following subjects.

- Drama – Component 2 Practical
- Sports Studies
- Engineering
- Triple Science (Chemistry, Biology & Physics)
- History
- Maths
- Computing
- Spanish

Why don't Business and ICT have a mock exam in December?

These two subjects have their Public exam scheduled for early February, as indicated on my previous letter to you, and their mock exams will take place in the first week back after the Christmas break allowing staff one month of targeted revision and support to go over any areas that students might have struggled with. The dates and times of the mock exam are detailed on the attached document.

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 before the February half term, again this is outlined on the document with a formal schedule being provided in January. 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 IT3 with Mr Macaulay or Ms Amatruda before and after school once they return. 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.



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What should students be seeing on their teams lessons this week?

Staff with Mock and Public Exams will be making constant referral to key topics, dates and knowledge organisers which students can use to be well prepared for the exam. Staff will be putting revision resources on class charts with support materials to help build confidence and they are always contactable on the details below or via the class charts app for students.

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

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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We look forward to seeing our Year 11 students return soon and continuing their excellent work with us.

Yours faithfully



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