

November 2024

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

Year 11 Mock Exam period Monday 18th November- Friday 6th December

I am writing to update you on the preparation for this year's Additional Mock Exam period. For photography students, this will start on Monday 18th November. All other students will begin on Monday 25th.

We have witnessed some amazing levels of focus and motivation across the year group so far. We are so impressed with the preparation so far for this important examination period. Students should by now be well aware of the guidance we follow according to the Joint Council of Qualifications (JCQ).

The key things that students and parents now need to know are summarised below:

- Timetables have been issued to all students. Please make sure they get displayed somewhere prominent in your home (fridge door, notice board etc.) Replacements can be requested from Mrs Ethelston (exams officer).
- The start time of the exam is clearly written on the timetable. Students are expected to arrive at the exam venue <u>5 minutes BEFORE the start time</u>. Late students disrupt exams for others and increase the likelihood of other students being late for breaks/lunches etc.
- Students must bring the correct equipment with them for exams. A list of equipment appears in the **knowledge organiser**. This includes at least two pens and any other exam specific equipment such as calculators etc. Students are told in lessons exactly what specific equipment they need in advance.
- All Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) exam rules apply. These include all rules relating to mobile phones and smart watches which must be switched off and put into students' bags. Timetabled exams will be held either in classrooms, the Sports Hall or CR5.
- Students' pencil cases must be transparent. A clear plastic sandwich bag is more than adequate for the exam period. The same principle applies to any water bottles which must be clear with all labels removed.
- Students must not communicate with each other in any way during an exam. This includes talking AND any non-verbal communication.
- Finally, exams are conducted in silence. If any student wishes to ask a question of an invigilator, they must raise their hand and wait.



Finally, I would like to remind you of the following key dates for year 11 over the next few weeks:

Mock Results Day: Monday 13th January 2025
Review Point 1: Tuesday 14th January 2025
Invitational Parents' Evening: Wednesday 29th January 2025

Additional Mock Exams: Monday 10th - Friday 21st March 2025

Thank you in advance for your support in the lead up to exams and good luck to all Year 11 students!

Yours faithfully,

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