

22nd January 2020

Dear Parent / Carer,

Mock 2 Examinations

We wrote to you in December with regards to the upcoming mock exams for Year 11, which take place over two weeks; the week beginning 27.01.20 and the week beginning 10.02.20. We hope you found the information in the letter useful and that scholars have taken the advice we and they been working hard in preparation for their upcoming exams.

We wanted to write to you again to once again highlight the importance of these exams. The purpose of these mock exams is to act as a 'dress rehearsal' for the summer exams. We attempt to replicate as close as possible the conditions and routines that the scholars will experience in the summer.

We also wanted to clarify that these exams are also important for two further reasons. Firstly, the results that scholars achieve in these exams will be the ones that Sixth Forms, Colleges and Apprenticeship providers will use when assessing whether or not to offer scholars a place on their courses. Secondly, some of our departments will use the results of these exams to inform decisions about the most appropriate courses and tiers scholars should be entered for. In particular, Maths, Science and Spanish teachers will need to use mock results to make these decisions.

As such, it is absolutely essential that scholars do their best in these exams. They need to make the most of this opportunity to practise for their GCSE exams for the final time and treat them as though they were their exams in the summer.

With this in mind, please find below the guidance we provided in December for successful preparation for these exams:

- Organise 100% folders by removing anything that is not a 100% sheet and placing it in a separate folder
- Follow a revision timetable
- Balance revision with rest periods. For example, 30 minutes of revision followed by a 10 minute break
- Avoid ineffective methods of revision such as reading and highlighting
- Use revision techniques of the week, such as mind maps and look-cover-write-check
- Family members test scholars on their knowledge and understanding
- Ensure that scholars have a quiet and purposeful environment in which to work

As you aware, alongside hard work outside school, attendance and focus in lesson continues to be the key drivers behind scholar success. We are confident that through all of our combined efforts, the Class of 2022 will achieve their best yet results in these mock exams.

Kind regards,



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