

YEAR 11 BULLETIN

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Mock Exams – 1 week to go

Dear Parents/Carers

We are one week away from the start of our last mock exam period. I think it is important to reflect on why we do mock exams. Some reasons are to ensure students are prepared for what to expect when it comes to the environment, the feeling before, during and after an exam, to practice writing and concentrating for such long periods of time and to work on how long they are spending on each question to ensure they do not run out of time. Other reasons are to identify strengths and areas to improve so staff can pin point exactly what your child needs to do between now and their real exam. It is important your child gives their mock exams their best so we can ensure the remaining time is spent effectively, on the right topics and resources.

Mock Exam and Study Support Timetable

Please see below the exam timetable for the mock period:

Week A	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday 9 th February	Friday 10 th February
Before School (Maths & Sci Hub)	Breakfast Club Revision	Breakfast Club Revision	Breakfast Club Revision	Breakfast Club Revision	Breakfast Club Revision
8.50 am					
10.45 am					Spanish Listening 35/45mins Reading 45/60mins
Lunchtime (DTIT)				Quiet Revision Space	Quiet Revision Space
1.00 pm					History Elizabeth/USA 1hr
After School Study Support	Maths	RE	Science	Students choose: Spanish or History Remaining students: Normal study support (Option A)	English



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Week B	Monday 13 th February	Tuesday 14 th February	Wednesday 15 th February	Thursday 16 th February	Friday 17 th February
Before School (Maths & Sci Hub)	English Lit	Maths	Breakfast Club Revision & DT	Breakfast Club Revision & History	Maths
8.50 am	English Lit Component 1 Shakespeare/Poetry 2hrs	Maths Paper 1 Foundation - Cal Higher - Non-Cal 1hr 30m	DT 2h Dance 1h 30m	History Medicine Germany 2hrs	Maths Paper 2 Foundation - Non- Cal Higher - Cal 1hr 30m
10.45 am		Year 10 mock English 1hr			
Lunchtime (DTIT)	Quiet Revision Space	Quiet Revision Space	Quiet Revision Space	Quiet Revision Space	Quiet Revision Space
1.00 pm	Science Biology 1hr 15m 1hr 45m	English Lit Component 2 A Christmas Carol Modern Drama Unseen Poetry 2hrs 30m	Computer Science Paper 1 1hr 30m Year 10 mock RE 50 mins	RE Paper 1 1hr 45m	Geography 1hr 30mins Paper 1
After School Study Support	English Lit	Available: DT or Computer Science	All history students choose between history & RE Remaining go to RE	Students choose: Maths or Geography	Chemistry

Week A	Monday 27 th February	Tuesday 28 th February	Wednesday 1 st March	Thursday 2 nd March	Friday 3 rd March
Before School (Maths & Sci Hub)	English Language	Breakfast Club Revision	Breakfast Club Revision & Geography	Breakfast Club Revision	Physics
8.50 am	English Language Paper 1 Fiction/Imaginative Writing 1hr 45m	Year 10 mock Science	Geography Paper 2 1hr 30m	Year 10 mock Maths	Science Physics 1hr 15m 1hr 45m
10.45 am		French Listening 35/45mins Reading 45/60mins		German Listening 35/45mins Reading 45/60mins	
Lunchtime (DTIT)	Quiet Revision Space	Quiet Revision Space	Quiet Revision Space	Quiet Revision Space	Quiet Revision Space
1.00 pm	Science Chemistry 1hr 15m 1hr 45m	English Language Paper 2 Non-Fiction/ Transactional Writing 2hrs 5m	Computer Science Paper 2 1hr 30m	Maths Paper 3 Foundation - Cal Higher - Cal 1hr 30m	French/German/ Spanish Writing 1hr 10m/1hr 20m
After School Study Support	Students choose: English or French	Available: Geography or Computer Science Triple Science – Physics	Students choose: Maths or German	Students choose: Physics or German or French or Spanish	

Each morning, breakfast will be available for students to come and prepare for the day ahead.

We also have a quiet space at lunchtime in case any student wants to have some quiet time before their afternoon exam. After school, we have prioritised study support for whatever subjects have exams the following day. On two occasions, Tuesday 14th and Tuesday 28th February, students have a long English exam in the afternoon. Therefore, students will be told that the study support subjects for that day will be available for them to ask any last-minute questions or pick up any resources they may wish to work on at home. Where students have an option of subjects to go to on an evening, Mr Dix will be getting individual students to choose in advance so we know where each student is expected to go.

It is important all students know where and when to be for their exams to reduce stress levels. Morning exams will start at 9:00 am and, therefore, the following needs to take place:

Time	Action
08:35	First bell goes, bags and jackets removed and placed in their locker. Students sit on PE stairs/canteen area
08:40	Phone collection as students enter the theatre
08:45	Students sat in silence in row order in the theatre as Head of Department gives some final messages.
08:50	Students enter sports hall in silence
09:00	Exam starts after rules of exam and rubric discussed

The afternoon exams start at 1:15 pm and the timeline is as follows:

Time	Action
12:50	Bags and jackets removed and placed in their locker. Students sat on PE stairs/canteen area
12:55	Phone collection as students enter theatre
13:00	Students sit in silence in row order in the theatre as Head of Department gives some final messages.
13:10	Students enter sports hall in silence
13:15	Exam starts after rules of exam and rubric discussed

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and, if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch.



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