

Dear Parent / Carer

Year 11 Mock Examinations February/March 2024

Dear Parent/Carer Year 11 Mock Assessments I am writing to make you aware that your child will be starting their second round of Year 11 Mock Assessments this week as they return to the academy after half term.

All Year 11 students will be undertaking mock assessments between the **19th February and 4th March**. This is an essential opportunity for students to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding, experience exam conditions and to help inform next steps to ensure maximum success.

These assessments will give teachers vital information on areas of strengths, weaknesses and misconceptions at an individual level and will enable students to be supported as they prepare for the summer GCSE exams. It will also be a useful opportunity for students to experience a formal assessment, something they need to rehearse to prepare for their final examinations in the summer term.

It is therefore important that the examinations are approached by all students with all seriousness to ensure maximum benefit from the experience. It is therefore very important to ensure good attendance at this time.

In advance, we expect students to prepare fully for these examinations and trust you will make every effort to assist your son / daughter over the coming days. On the days themselves it is important that students:

- Have enough sleep the night before their exams
- Have a full set of equipment to enable them to sit the examination,
- Arrive for the examination on time.
- We encourage students to bring a bottle of water with them to exams. This bottle must not have a label and be clear so that you are able to see through it.

JCQ, who oversee all exams across the country, have now stated that no mobile phones/watches of any sort are allowed in any exam room. Therefore, we will be asking students to either leave their phones and watches at home or they will be asked to place their phones and watches into a plastic wallet at the start of the exam.

Staff are very sensitive to the pressure this places on our students. If you have any concerns about your son or daughter's health or wellbeing, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Our Learning Managers work particularly closely with students in their year group and are very experienced in offering any aspect of advice, guidance and support during examination and assessment periods.

Many thanks in advance for your support.

Yours faithfully,



Mr J Pape  
Principal