

Spring mock examinations for year 11

Dear Parents / Carers

An important part of preparing our students for their final exams is to ensure they have experienced the challenge of sitting papers in exam conditions. Our year 11 students have been exemplary in their attitude and commitment during the current mock exam period and have been a credit to the school. However, due to the large number of terminal exams year 11 are due to sit, it has been necessary this year to make arrangements for students to complete mock exams outside of our usual exam period. This means that there will be a series of mock exams next term, some of which will be on INSET days, with others spaced out through the term. Whilst this is different to what students in previous years have done, we want to support our students as far as we can as we all adapt to the changing nature of GCSE assessment.

The full timetable for these exams is listed below:

Monday 29th January - INSET

9am – Maths Paper 1, 1 hour 30minutes

11.15am – English Language (writing), 1 hour

Tuesday 6th March

9.25am - Maths Paper 2, 1 hour 30 minutes

12.15pm – English Literature, 1 hour

Wednesday 7th March - INSET

9am - English Language Paper 1, 1 hour 45 minutes

11.30am - Maths Paper 3, 1 hour 30minutes

Monday 26th March

9am - English Language Paper 2, 2 hours

11.30am - Chemistry Paper 2 (trilogy & triple), 1 hour 15 minutes/1 hour 45 minutes

Wednesday 28th March

2pm - Biology Paper 2 (triple only), 1 hour 45 minutes

Thursday 29th March

9.05am - Physics Paper 2 (trilogy & triple), 1 hour 15 minutes/1 hour 45 minutes

For the INSET day exams students do not need to wear school uniform. We will also be offering a complimentary breakfast of tea and toast for all students on those days starting at 8.15 in the canteen. All students will need to be in school by 8.45am and should gather on the tennis courts.

During the short break between exams students will be able to go outside on to the tennis courts or sit inside in the main hall or in the maths mall. Once the final exam has finished students will be dismissed from the front and back gates. We would ask where possible students do not bring into school anything not permitted within the exam hall, as it is an INSET day there will be limited to access to classrooms and lockers.

We appreciate your support with these arrangements and your continuing support for your children during year 11.

Yours sincerely

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