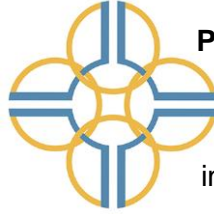


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5<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We trust this letter finds you well. We are writing to provide you with important information regarding the Year 12 Mock GCSE exams, a pivotal part of our students' preparation for the upcoming External GCSE Modules, which are scheduled to begin on November 13th, 2023.

## **Year 12 Mock Exams - Tuesday, October 24th, and Wednesday, October 25th:**

On Tuesday, October 24th, and Wednesday, October 25th, our Year 12 students will be actively engaged in Mock GCSE exams. These exams will take place in the Assembly Hall and are a vital step in ensuring our students are fully prepared for their upcoming External GCSE Modules.

## **Regular School Start Time on Exam Days:**

We kindly request that on both Tuesday, October 24th, and Wednesday, October 25th, students arrive at school at the normal start time, which is 9:00 AM. This is essential to ensure the prompt commencement of the exams. Once the exams are completed, students will be permitted to go home.

## **Mock Exam Schedule:**

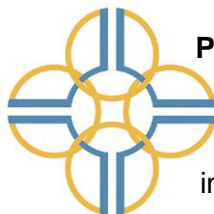
We appreciate your support in ensuring that your child arrives at school on time to allow for a smooth start to the exams.

| Tuesday      |                   |                                  |               |                    |
|--------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| 24th October | Year 12           | <b>GCSE English Unit 4</b>       | 9.15 - 11.15  | <b>Sports Hall</b> |
|              | Break 11.15-11.30 |                                  |               |                    |
|              | Year 12           | <b>GCSE Single Award Biology</b> | 11.30 – 12.30 | <b>Sports Hall</b> |
| Wednesday    |                   |                                  |               |                    |
| 25th October | Year 12           | <b>GCSE Maths</b>                | 9.15 - 11.15  | <b>Sports Hall</b> |

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## Useful Revision Resources:

To assist our Year 12 students in their exam preparation, we recommend the use of the following revision resources:

- Parkhall Mathematics Website (past papers and solutions available)
- GCSEPod
- Sparx Maths
- Corbett Maths

These resources are valuable tools to help students consolidate their knowledge and excel in their mock exams and the subsequent External GCSE Modules.

## Self-Care

We know that examinations can be a challenging part of school life for both children and young people, and their parents or carers. Students' wellbeing is our priority; staff are here to support students through this, and below are some websites which give some useful advice:

- [Help your child beat exam stress – NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)
- [Exam Stress | Coping Strategies | DEAL | Samaritans](#)
- [Exam Stress | How To Deal with Exam Stress | YoungMinds](#)
- [Managing stress and building resilience – tips – Mind](#)

## Return to Normal Timetable:

Students are not in school on 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> October to facilitate form tutor interviews and a Staff Development Day.

Normal classes for all Year 12 students will resume on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November.

Thank you for your continued partnership as we work together to ensure the success and well-being of our Year 12 students. We greatly value your involvement in your child's education.

Sincerely,

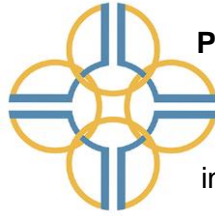
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