



30<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Mock examinations November/December 2023, revision plans and how best to support your child**

All Year 11 children will have a series of written mock examinations in all their subjects between **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December**, in addition to separate practical examinations in particular subjects. Further information about the examinations will be passed on by subject teachers this week and next week. In advance of the examinations, it is important that you and your child are aware of the following information:

- Mock examinations provide excellent data to the school on individual pupil progress, as well as informing teaching on staff on how to address any misconceptions/gaps in knowledge
- They also offer Year 11 children with excellent experience of what to expect in the final GCSE examination series in 2024

**Mock Examination Timetable**

The assessments below will be held under formal examination conditions **and will begin at 8.45am unless otherwise stated:**

Date and time of assessment	Subject	Length of assessment
<b>Tuesday 14th November</b>	<b>Art Practical</b>	<b>Periods 1-4</b>
<b>Friday 17th - Thursday 23rd November</b>	<b>MFL Speaking exams</b>	
<b>Wednesday 22nd November</b>	<b>Food and Nutrition</b>	<b>2 hrs (Period 5 and after school until 4pm)</b>
<b>Thursday 23rd November</b>	<b>Drama filming</b>	<b>Periods 1-4</b>
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Maths 1 and 4</b>	<b>1 hr 30 mins</b>
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 11.15am</b>	<b>History Paper 1</b>	<b>2 hrs</b>
<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>RE</b>	<b>1 hr 30 mins</b>
<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 11.15am</b>	<b>German Listening and Reading</b>	<b>1 hr 45 mins</b>



Wednesday 29th November	English Language	1 hr 45 mins
Wednesday 29th November 11.15am	Geography Paper 1	1 hr 30 mins
Thursday 30th November	Maths 2 and 5	1 hr 30 mins
Thursday 30th November 11.15am	Spanish Listening and Reading	1 hr 45 mins (Higher)
Friday 1st December	Biology (Combined and Triple Science)	1 hr 15 mins Combined Science 1 hr 45 mins Triple Science
Friday 1st December 11.15am	BTEC ICT and PE Paper 1	1 hr 30 mins 1 hr 30 mins
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	English Literature	1 hr 45 mins
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December 11.15am	Business	1 hr 45 mins
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Chemistry (Combined and Triple Science)	1 hr 15 mins Combined Science 1 hr 45 mins Triple Science
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December 11.15am	History Paper 2	1 hr
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Maths 3 and 6	1 hr 30 mins
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 11.15am	Drama Design and Technology	1 hr 45 mins 2 hrs
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Physics (Combined and Triple Science)	1 hr 15 mins Combined Science 1 hr 45 mins Triple Science



<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December</b> <b>11.15am</b>	<b>MFL writing</b> <b>(German/ Spanish)</b>	<b>1 hr 15 mins</b>
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Geography</b> <b>Paper 2</b>	<b>1 hr 30 mins</b>
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b> <b>11.15am</b>	<b>Food</b> <b>Preparation</b>	<b>1 hr 45 mins</b>
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>PE Practical</b>	<b>Periods 1-4</b>

Catch up examinations for children missing examinations will take place on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December.

### Revision plans

Year 11 children will receive a personalised revision plan for their subjects, including the final timetable, which will also be emailed home. All of our Year 11 cohort are expected to complete tasks each night as part of their revision programme, which will be marked or checked in school in advance of the mock examinations.

In the lead up to the examinations, you can support your child in a number of ways:

- Revision of work done in Year 10 and Year 11 needs to start now – through mind maps, re-reading information, practising examination questions. Subject teachers will be able to provide information on this. Further information can be found at [www.stjamesheadle.co.uk/homework](http://www.stjamesheadle.co.uk/homework)
- Check that your child is keeping up with the revision plan tasks each night – the children should be doing at least **2 hours work per night**
- Speak to your child about what they are doing – this could be through asking them what they have done, testing them on what they have written etc
- Ensure that they have regular breaks and get a good night's sleep – work in chunks of time, turn off mobile phones and devices an hour in advance of going to bed
- Encourage them to go to the any intervention or sessions that will be offered in school
- At the same time, reassure them – at home and in school, we only want to challenge our students to do their very best!

Yours faithfully

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