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Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 11 Mock Examinations – Monday 25th February – Wednesday 13th March 2019

Mock examinations will take place from Monday 25th February to Wednesday 13th March 2019. Students in Year 11 have already been issued with a mock examination timetable which is attached for your information.

The new GCSE courses are very demanding qualifications. The removal of coursework and controlled assessment from most subjects means that all of the marks contributing to the final grade are a result of the performance in the final exams, because of this mock exams are now more important than ever. We have therefore organised them to replicate the GCSE exam conditions as closely as possible. Your son/daughter needs to approach the mock exams as if they were the real thing so that they can get an accurate picture of how they are performing. They are also very important for teachers to get an accurate indication of your son's/daughter's exam performance so that they can support them effectively in the preparation for the summer exams.

There are now only eleven weeks until the final GCSE exams. The Summer exam period runs from Monday 13th May 2019 - Wednesday 19th June 2019 (Contingency day Wednesday 26th June 2019). The outcome of these exams will play a large part in determining what the students are able to do in the next stage of their education, training or employment.

In order to achieve success in these exams, students must take part in meaningful revision both at school and at home and to assist this we have added links to revision websites and how to make a revision timetable under Student Links on our school website.

Subject teachers may be offering additional revision classes; before, during and after school. Students should speak to their subject teachers in the first instance if they require additional support.

Some students can find exams stressful; parents can find information about supporting their child here: https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/stress-anxiety-depression/coping-with-exam-stress/.

Students who are feeling under pressure should speak to their form tutor or head of college who will be able to assist them with receiving the correct support; students may also find the following useful: https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/school-college-and-work/school-college/exam-stress/.

Yours faithfully,

D. Smith

Mr D J Smith Principal









Year 11 Mock Exams	Week 1	Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		Date	25-Feb	26-Feb	27-Feb	28-Feb	01-Mar
		AM	English Language Paper 1	English Literature Paper 1	Media Studies Paper 1	English Language Paper 2	Chemistry Triple & Combined
			ESOL Reading & Writing	Mathematics Paper 1 (Non Calculator)	History Paper 3 (Wiemar Germany)		
		PM	Biology Triple & Combined		Music (Listening)	Computer Science Paper 1	Mathematics Paper 2 (Calculator)
					French/Spanish Reading		
	Week 2	Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		Date	04-Mar	05-Mar	06-Mar	07-Mar	08-Mar
		AM	Mathematics Paper 3 (Calculator)	Hospitality & Catering	History Paper 2 (King Richard & John)	English Literature Paper 2	Physics Triple & Combined
				Engineering	Media Studies Paper 2		
					Religious Studies		
		PM	History Paper 1 (Western Front)	French/Spanish Listening	Business Studies Paper 1	Computer Science Paper 2	Geography Paper 1
	Week 3	Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		Date	11-Mar	12-Mar	13-Mar	14-Mar	15-Mar
		AM	Health & Social Care	ICT	Geography Paper 2		
		PM	Business Studies Paper 2		French/Spanish Writing		