

21 January 2020

Dear Parent / Carer,

As students have now settled into the new term I thought that it would be a good opportunity to update you on our school revision programme and other exam-related issues.

### Mock Examinations 2

The second series of mock exams for Y11 begins on Monday 27 January and lasts for 2 weeks. The mock exams will follow a similar routine to the first set of mocks in November and students have received their individual exam timetables detailing precisely when each exam is. I have attached to this letter the whole mock exam timetable for your own reference. The results of the mock exams will be published to parents through the SIMs parent app on Wednesday 26 February. These exams will cover content that was not covered back in November and give them further valuable experience of sitting past GCSE papers in exam conditions.

### Revision Schedule

Following requests from parents and students I have updated the revision schedule to include more frequent sessions on the core subjects of English and Science. I have also added a daily 'extended school' slot which starts at 7:45a.m. in Lab 2. Extended school is basically a supervised room where students can revise or complete coursework. It is not a taught session but an opportunity for students to complete independent work before the school day begins. I have attached the updated revision schedule to this letter and I would ask you as parents and carers to encourage your child to attend whenever possible - the mock exam results from before Christmas demonstrated a very strong correlation between attendance at revision sessions and average GCSE exam grades achieved. Remember that we can provide specific session attendance data for your child if you want us to.

### Holiday Revision

We will be running a series of holiday revision sessions for Y11 and Y13 in spring half term, the second week of the Easter holidays and in May half-term. I have attached the draft schedule for the forthcoming holiday starting on Monday 17 February. I am still in the process of creating the programme so I will write to you in a few weeks to share the final programme for the week. In the Easter holidays, I am trying to keep the first week free of revision sessions as far as possible and concentrating the majority of the revision sessions into the 2nd week. Hopefully this will give you the opportunity to plan holiday breaks without missing revision opportunities in school.

### Prom Passport

In order to encourage the very best for the final few months of Year 11 we have introduced the prom passport. This is based on the basic expectations of good attendance and punctuality, increased positive rewards and reduced consequences. All students have a grid in their planners which is signed off each month. In order to receive a guaranteed invitation to the prom they need to have three rows or columns signed off by their form teacher. We have also included an "insurance policy" where if a student completes an average of 1 hour per week on 'GCSE Pod' this can



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replace a box that they have missed over the next few months. We would welcome your support over the next few months to ensure all students are able to celebrate their time at school when we have the 2020 Prom.

Please contact either myself or Miss McCarten if you have any questions or concerns and we will do our best to help. If you have any questions about the prom passport then please contact Mr Smart in the first instance.

Yours faithfully

Mr A. Wilkinson  
Deputy Head

# Year 11 Trial Exams Timetable

	Morning	Afternoon
<b>Mon 27 Jan</b>	English Language - 105 mins (132 mins ET)	Health & Social Care - 60 mins (75 mins ET) Drama - 60 mins (75 mins ET) GCSE PE Paper 1 - 75 mins (94 mins ET) History Paper 1 - 75 mins (94 mins ET) Creative iMedia - 75 mins (94 mins ET)
<b>Tue 28 Jan</b>	Biology Paper 1 Combined Science Trilogy - 75 mins (94 mins ET) 11SC1 & 11SC2 - 105 mins (132 mins ET)	Health & Social Care - 60 mins (75 mins ET) Drama - 60 mins (75 mins ET) History Paper 1 - 75 mins (94 mins ET) Geography Paper 1 - 90 mins (113 mins ET) Business Studies Paper 2 - 60 mins (75 mins ET)
<b>Wed 29 Jan</b>	Chemistry Paper 1 Combined Science Trilogy - 75 mins (94 mins ET) 11SC1 & 11SC2 - 105 mins (132 mins ET)	Maths Paper 1 - 90 mins (113 mins ET) Maths Paper 4 - 90 mins (113 mins ET)
<b>Thu 30 Jan</b>	Physics Paper 1 Combined Science Trilogy - 75 mins (94 mins ET) 11SC1 & 11SC2 - 105 mins (132 mins ET)	Religious Studies Paper 1 - 105 mins (132 mins ET) Music - 105 mins (132 mins ET) Geography Paper 1 - 90 mins (113 mins ET) Creative iMedia - 75 mins (94 mins ET) Drama - 60 mins (75 mins ET)
<b>Fri 31 Jan</b>	Maths Paper 2 - 90 mins (113 mins ET) Maths Paper 5 - 90 mins (113 mins ET)	French Reading - (F) 45 mins / (H) 60 mins Listening - (F) 35 mins / (H) 45 mins
<b>Mon 3 Feb</b>	English Literature - 135 mins (169 mins ET)	GCSE PE Paper 2 - 75 mins (94 mins ET) Business Studies Paper 1 - 90 mins (113 mins ET)
<b>Tue 4 Feb</b>	Biology Paper 2 Combined Science Trilogy - 75 mins (94 mins ET) 11SC1 & 11SC2 - 105 mins (132 mins ET)	Spanish Reading - (F) 45 mins / (H) 60 mins Listening - (F) 35 mins / (H) 45 mins
<b>Wed 5 Feb</b>	Chemistry Paper 2 Combined Science Trilogy - 75 mins (94 mins ET) 11SC1 & 11SC2 - 105 mins (132 mins ET)	Maths Paper 3 - 90 mins (113 mins ET) Maths Paper 6 - 90 mins (113 mins ET)
<b>Thu 6 Feb</b>	Physics Paper 2 Combined Science Trilogy - 75 mins (94 mins ET) 11SC1 & 11SC2 - 105 mins (132 mins ET)	Spanish Writing - (F) 60 mins Business Studies Paper 2 - 60 mins (75 mins ET) History Paper 2 - 75 mins (94 mins ET)
<b>Fri 7 Feb</b>	Religious Studies Paper 2 - 105 mins (132 mins ET) History Paper 1 - 75 mins (94 mins ET) French Writing - (F) 60 mins / (H) 75 mins Spanish Writing - (F) 60 mins / (H) 75 mins Business Studies Paper 1 90 mins (113 mins ET)	Geography Paper 2 - 90 mins (113 mins ET) Spanish Writing - (F) 60 mins / (H) 75 mins French Writing - (F) 60 mins / (H) 75 mins Business Studies Paper 2 - 60 mins (75 mins ET)
<b>Notes</b>  Formal catch-up sessions will be scheduled for any exams which have a timetable clash or authorised absence.		<b>Exam Access Arrangements</b>  All JCQ approved arrangements will be reflected in these exams. All centre delegated access arrangements will be reflected in these exams. All candidates with extra time are to use a blue pen for the extra time segment of their exam.

## Y11 Daily Revision Programme – Updated 13th January 2020

	<b>Week 1: Monday</b>	<b>Week 1: Tuesday</b>	<b>Week 1: Wednesday</b>	<b>Week 1: Thursday</b>	<b>Week 1: Friday</b>
Extended School (from 7:45a.m. Lab 2)					Spanish speaking exam practice
Lunchtime Revision					GCSE PE GCSE RS - All students GCSE Spanish: (Cahoot interactive vocabulary learning)
Year 11 Workshop (Independent study and small group intervention)		P1 English + Maths P2 English, Maths, Business	P3 Maths, English, History, Science P5 Maths, Science		
After School (3:15-4:15pm unless stated otherwise)	English Language	Sciences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Combined</li> <li>● Triple</li> </ul>	Maths	Staff Meetings (No revision sessions)	Business Food

	<b>Week 2: Monday</b>	<b>Week 2: Tuesday</b>	<b>Week 2: Wednesday</b>	<b>Week 2: Thursday</b>	<b>Week 2: Friday</b>
Extended School (from 7:45a.m. Lab 2)			French revision (content)		Spanish speaking exam practice
Lunchtime Revision			GCSE Spanish: Cahoot interactive vocabulary learning		GCSE PE GCSE Spanish: (Cahoot interactive vocabulary learning)
Year 11 Workshop (Independent study and small group intervention)		P1 English + Maths P2 English, Maths, Business	P3 Maths, English, History, Science P5 Maths, Science		
After School (3:15-4:15pm unless stated otherwise)	Geography English Literature	Sciences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Combined</li> <li>● Triple</li> </ul>	Engineering GCSE PE French exam prep Spanish ICT Art	Staff Meetings (No revision sessions)	Food

<b>Holiday Revision Sessions - Spring Half-Term (DRAFT)</b>				
<b>Date:</b>	<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Year Group:</b>	<b>Staff:</b>	<b>Timings:</b>
<b>Spring Half-Term</b>				
17/2/20 (Monday)	Drama	Year 11	NST	9:00-12:00
	Engineering	Year 11	AWK	9:00-11:00
	Music	Year 11	EMA	10:00-13:00
18/2/20 (Tuesday)	Food	Year 11	AMC	9:30-3:30
19/2/20 (Wednesday)	Maths	Year 11	DLL, SVa	9:00-11:00
20/2/20 (Thursday)	Spanish	Year 11	MLB	9:30-13:30