

Y11 Newsletter

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Welcome to the first newsletter of Year 11. The timing of our first edition could not be better – we are able to celebrate what has been a very strong first month in the academic year from our students and also share lots of important information and dates with you. The aim of these newsletters is to keep you informed with all upcoming events but also provide useful information and advice so you can help your child achieve their very best this summer.

Mock Exams – 4 WEEKS TO GO!

Attached to this newsletter (so you can print it off and stick on the fridge) is the timetable for the first of two mock examination periods (the second being in the spring term). Please go through this with your son/daughter and highlight the subjects that they have exams for.

We take mock exams very seriously and will expect the same level of preparation and conduct as we would if these were external examinations. When individuals have examinations they need to place their bags in the secure cage so all equipment, other than what is required for the exam, is locked away safely.

Mock Exam Help...

There are a number of different documents in this week's newsletter that will assist in getting students ready for their mocks. The **"GCSE November Mock Examination: Advice for Students, Parents and Carers"** document shows exactly what students are being assessed in with helpful suggestions/places to go to for extra advice.

To further assist students with the run up to the mock exams the school is going to place additional revision sessions on throughout the week. All Year 11 students will be getting a copy of this to keep in their blazer pockets so they are all aware of what sessions are going on and when.

Upcoming Key Dates

17 October – Post 16 Open Evening, 6 - 8pm

23 October – GCSE Music Recital, 7 - 9pm

25 October – Post 16 Taster Day

5 November – Mock Exams Begin

GCSE November Mock Examination: Advice for Students, Parents and Carers

Subject	Format of exam for the mock	Tips for revision
English Language	Paper 1 - Creative reading and writing. Fiction based extract with 4 questions based on reading skills. Question 5 requires the student to complete a piece of original creative writing. Spelling, punctuation and grammar are assessed on question 5.	Students should attend revision sessions after school leading up to the mock exams which will focus on question 5. Students should focus on trying to extend their vocabulary, competing pieces of extended creative writing focusing on their SPaG. Past papers can be collected from class teachers. Mr Bruff tutorials on YouTube can also be used to support revision.
English Literature	Paper 2 - An Inspector Calls (play), Anthology poetry (power and conflict) and unseen poetry are assessed on this paper. The exam is 2 hours and 15 minutes - the longest English exam.	Students should revise quotations from their yellow consolidation booklets for AIC and Anthology poetry (15 poems). Students also have annotated copies of the play and their own anthologies. Past papers can be collected from class teachers. GCSE Bitesize can be used to support revision or Mr Bruff tutorial videos on YouTube.
Mathematics	3 papers (1 non calculator, 2 calculator) based on past papers	To fully prepare for their exams, students need to complete the past papers set by class teachers and also complete tasks set on Hegarty Maths.
Combined Science (Trilogy) 1 hour 15 minutes	<p><u>Biology</u></p> <p>Biology topics 1–4: Cell Biology; Organisation; Infection and response; Bioenergetics</p> <p><u>Chemistry</u></p> <p>Chemistry topics 8–12: Atomic structure and the periodic table; Bonding, structure, and the properties of matter; Quantitative chemistry; Chemical changes; Energy changes.</p> <p><u>Physics</u></p> <p>Physics topics 18–21: Energy; Electricity; Particle model of matter; Atomic structure.</p>	In total there are six exams for Combined Science Trilogy worth two GCSEs. For the November mocks, students will sit paper 1 content only in biology chemistry and physics. They will sit paper 2's in the February mocks.
Triple Science (single) 1 hour 45 minutes	<p>Triple students will also sit a paper in biology, chemistry and physics but with additional content to those above.</p> <p>All Triple Science students will be sitting the higher tier.</p>	
Geography	<p>Paper 1 Section B (Living World)</p> <p>Paper 2 Section A (challenges in human environment) and Section C (Challenges of resource management)</p> <p>Paper 3 Section B (Geographical applications – fieldwork)</p>	<p>Complete past papers available in geography classrooms for all topics. Pay particular attention to 6 and 9 markers.</p> <p>Create a glossary of key terms.</p> <p>Sign up to Google Classroom for Year 11 revision - get classroom codes from your teacher.</p> <p>Create revision notes for the rivers fieldwork from June.</p> <p>Purchase a revision guide from school.</p> <p>Attend the drop in session on Thursday's with Miss Morrell.</p>
History	<p>Paper 1 (Medicine in Britain, c1250-present).</p> <p>Paper 2 (Early Elizabethan England 1558 - 88 and The American West c1835-c1895).</p>	<p>Use the revision resources available on the Google Classroom to revise BOTH content AND exam skills.</p> <p>Attend Thursday afternoon revision sessions with Miss Morrell.</p>

GCSE November Mock Examination: Advice for Students, Parents and Carers

Subject	Format of exam for the mock	Tips for revision
French	Reading and listening papers.	Use Vocab Express to revise key vocabulary across the topics, in both written and spoken form. Between 15 -30 minutes a day on vocabulary only, over a sustained period of time. Use Pearson to access key reading and listening passages to improve exam technique.
Spanish	Reading and listening papers.	Use Vocab Express to revise key vocabulary across the topics, in both written and spoken form. Between 15 -30 minutes a day on vocabulary only, over a sustained period of time. Use Pearson to access key reading and listening passages to improve exam technique.
Hair & Beauty	1 paper (1 hour 30 mins).	Students need to prepare revision sources from Year 10 exercise books and use the revision guide that they have already been given. They also need to RAG rate their exam specification to check which areas they need to focus revision on.
Health and Social Care	1 paper (2 hours) 'Health and Wellbeing'. This is a re-sit and the real exam is 07/02/20 - MUST continue revision after mock.	Complete past papers and questions set by Mrs Holmes. Mind-maps/flashcards - students have examples of these. Revision session available Wednesdays 2.35-3.35pm.
Music	Solo Performance Recital (Weds 23rd Oct, after school). Appraising exam.	Practice your solo performance piece and log progress in yellow rehearsal booklet. Focus on sound lessons/tests (heanorgate.musicfirst.co.uk). Previous exam questions and resources on Google Classroom.
PE (GCSE)	1 x 1 hour exam on paper 1 (physiology) followed straight away by another 1 hour exam on paper 2 (socio-cultural).	Attend first paired revision session (before half term) Complete 1 column of RAG sheets for each paper. Revise any areas that are RED or AMBER by testing each other/getting tested by parents Attend second paired revision session (week after half term) You may attend up to 2 sessions on each paper.
Computing	Paper 1 - 1.1 - 1.7.	Use Smart Revise and the resources available on Google Classroom. Your revision guides will also be useful to practice questions and review key topic summaries.
Creative iMedia	R081 - Pre-Production Skills.	Review presentations on Google Classroom and use your revision guides to help study for R081.

Year 11 Mock Examinations - November 2019

Date	Am – Periods 1-2/3	Pm – Periods 4c to 5
Monday 4 November	No Exams	No Exams
Tuesday 5 November	English Literature, Paper, 2 hours 15	History - Medicine Through Time, 1 hour 15 Geography, Paper 1 and 2, 1 hour 30
Wednesday 6 November	Maths, Paper 1, 1 hour 30, non-calculator paper	Spanish, Listening, Reading, Higher French, Listening, Reading, Higher
Thursday 7 November	Biology, Paper 1, 1 hour 15/1 hour 45	History - American West and Elizabeth, 1 hour 45 Geography, Paper 3, 40 minutes
Friday 8 November	English Language, Paper 1 hour 45	Design and Technology, 2 hours
Monday 11 November	Maths, Paper 2, 1 hour 30, calculator paper	Spanish, Listening, Reading, Foundation French, Listening, Reading, Foundation
Tuesday 12 November	Chemistry, Paper 1, 1 hour 15/1 hour 45	Beauty
Wednesday 13 November	Maths, Paper 3, 1 hour 30, calculator paper	Computer Science, 1 hour 30 I-Media, 1 hour 15 Health and Social Care
Thursday 14 November	Physics, Paper 1, 1 hour 15/1 hour 45	Music, Listening, 1 hour 15 (Solo Performance - Wed 23 Oct, GCSE Recital Evening)
Friday 15 November	Catering, Practical, H Block, 3 hours PE 2 x 1 hour papers BTEC PE - Online (L3)	

