

Our ref: JMN/SCR

29th November 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

## Year 11 Mock Exams 5th – 16th December 2022

There is just six months to go before the start of the GCSE exam season. This is clearly a crucial stage in your child's education as the results of these exams will have a significant impact on shaping their future. The idea of sitting mock exams is to make sure they are on target, have secured learning in the topics covered so far and can develop exam technique and stamina. Examinations will mainly take place in the hall and students will follow the exact pre-examination procedures as they will during their GCSEs. In the event of disruption to the exams in the summer, evidence collected during these exams will be used to support the awarding of final GCSE grades.

- Students will be registered in the canteen at 8:30am.
- Students must arrive on time with the correct equipment for the exam they are sitting. All students should have a clear (see through) pencil case, two pens (black ink), a pencil, a ruler and a rubber.
- Morning exams will start promptly at 9am.
- Afternoon exams start at 1:30pm\* Students will meet in the gym at 1:15pm.
- If students do not have an exam they are to go to their normal lessons where they will be supervised and able to revise for upcoming exams.
- Students will be allowed to go straight home at the end of the afternoon exam. Alternatively, students can go back to their timetabled lessons where they will be supervised by staff until the end of the day.

Water is allowed in the examination hall but must be in a clear plastic bottle. Students have been taught various revision techniques and most students have engaged positively with this and will benefit as a result in these exams. It is important they continue to revise leading up to and during the exam period and we will continue to advise them on how to plan their time effectively.

Students have already been issued with a personalised timetable. You will find a copy of the overall exam timetable on the Fearnhill website. If your son/daughter is too unwell to sit an exam, please notify the school in the usual way. Subject staff will expect students to catch up with any missed exams.

We are aware this can be a very stressful time for students and we want to ensure they all progress confidently during a time of significant pressure. If you have any concerns about the well-being of your child then please do contact the KS4 pastoral team through the main school number.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or queries.

Yours sincerely

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