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Dear Families,

Year 11 Mock 1 – Exam Timetable and Important Information

We are writing to provide you with important information regarding your child's upcoming Year 11 Cycle 1 Mock Examinations. The first mock examinations will begin with Spanish Speaking Mocks from Tuesday 13 October for students studying Spanish. The first written mock examination will take place on Friday 16 October, when students studying Business will sit Business Paper 1. **The main mock examination period will begin on Monday 2 November, following the October half-term break.**

These mock examinations are an important milestone in Year 11. They provide students, parents/carers and teachers with a clear indication of current progress and identify the areas students need to focus on as they work towards their final examinations.

Mock Examination Timetable

Students will only sit the examinations relevant to the subjects and courses they study.

Date	Examination(s)
Tuesday 13 October	Spanish Speaking Mock
Wednesday 14 October	Spanish Speaking Mock
Thursday 15 October	Spanish Speaking Mock
Friday 16 October	Business Paper 1
Monday 2 November	English Literature Paper 1; Maths Paper 1 (Non-Calculator)
Tuesday 3 November	History Paper 1 or Geography Paper 1; Combined Biology Paper 1 or Separate Biology Paper 1
Wednesday 4 November	Spanish Listening and Reading; Combined Chemistry Paper 1 or Separate Chemistry Paper 1
Thursday 5 November	English Language Paper 1; Maths Paper 2 (Calculator)
Friday 6 November	RE Paper 1; Spanish Writing
Monday 9 November	English Language Paper 2; Creative iMedia
Tuesday 10 November	History Paper 2 or Geography Paper 2; RE Paper 2; Combined Physics Paper 1 or Separate Physics Paper 1
Wednesday 11 November	Business Paper 2; VCERT Health & Fitness / Music
Monday 16 November	Additional Languages: Listening, Reading and Writing
Thursday 19 November	Performing Arts Practical Exam; Photography (D) Practical Exam
Friday 20 November	Photography (F) Practical Exam

Please note: Students studying Combined Science will sit the Combined Science papers, while students studying Separate Sciences will sit the relevant Separate Science papers.



Attendance During Mock Examinations

100% attendance throughout the mock examination period is required.

It is essential that all students attend school on every date on which they have an examination. Please note that morning examinations will begin promptly at 08:00 and will not begin after Morning Meeting. All Year 11 students must therefore arrive at the academy by 07:50 at the latest on examination days to ensure they are ready to start their examination on time.

Students arriving after 08:00 risk missing valuable examination time and may not be able to sit the examination as planned. We therefore ask parents/carers to ensure that students leave sufficient time for their journey to school and arrive by 07:50.

There will be no opportunity for students who are absent to complete a mop-up mock examination at a later date. Any absence during the examination period may therefore result in your child not receiving a mock result for that examination. We ask for your full support in ensuring that your child achieves 100% attendance, arrives by 07:50 and is fully prepared for every examination.

Revision and the October Half-Term Break

Students should already be revising independently at home alongside the revision and preparation taking place in school. The two-week October half-term break provides an important opportunity for students to undertake focused and purposeful revision in preparation for the main mock examination period beginning on Monday 2 November.

Students should not view the half-term break as a break from their studies. We expect every Year 11 student to complete a minimum of four hours of focused revision each day during the October half-term break. This revision should be carefully planned and spread across their different subjects so that students are fully prepared for the examinations they will sit.

Year 11 Revision Padlet: [DKA Padlet](#)

The Year 11 Revision Padlet contains revision materials, resources and useful links for students to access at home. We strongly encourage students to make regular use of these resources throughout the October half-term break and during the remainder of Year 11.

Students should be doing the following:

- revisiting key knowledge and content from Years 10 and 11;
- completing practice examination questions and past papers;
- using revision resources provided by subject teachers and available on the Year 11 Revision Padlet;
- reviewing previous assessments and acting upon feedback;
- learning key vocabulary, facts and formulae; and
- identifying areas of weakness and prioritising these during revision.

We would appreciate parents/carers supporting us by discussing their child's revision plan with them, ensuring that they have a suitable routine in place over the half-term break and encouraging them to regularly access the Year 11 Revision Padlet.



Why Are These Mock Examinations So Important?

The results from these mock examinations will provide an important indication of the grades students are currently working towards. Mock results will also be used to support applications for sixth form, college and other post-16 destinations. It is therefore essential that students take the examinations seriously and demonstrate their very best effort.

Students should approach every mock examination with the same level of commitment, preparation and maturity that will be expected during their final examinations.

Mock Results and Parents' Evening

Year 11 Mock Results Morning: Thursday 26 November

Year 11 Parents' Evening: Tuesday 1 December

Students will receive their mock examination results during Mock Results Morning. The subsequent Year 11 Parents' Evening will be an important opportunity for parents/carers to discuss their child's mock examination results, current progress and the actions they need to take as they continue towards their final examinations.

We expect all parents/carers to attend this important evening, and further information regarding appointments will be shared nearer the time.

Year 11 is a crucial year for our students and, by working together, we can ensure that they are fully prepared and able to achieve their very best. Thank you in advance for your continued support, particularly in ensuring your child attends every examination and completes purposeful revision throughout the October half-term break.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs Miller
Senior Vice Principal

