

September 2022

Dear Families,

I am writing to let you know that your child will be completing mock examinations from 14 November until 23 November 2022. The timetable for the duration of the exams is overleaf. As I am sure you appreciate, the examinations are extremely important, as they will show your child, yourselves and the academy, their progress and attainment. During this time, your child will also gain knowledge and understanding of the examination process in preparation for the external examinations in the Summer of 2023.

Teachers will be talking to classes with regards to the examinations, highlighting what needs to be revised and supporting them with different methods to do this. I would strongly encourage all students to make maximum use of the time by talking to their teachers about areas of work or revision that they need help with or are still struggling to understand.

All the exams outlined will be sat under formal conditions in the Sports Hall. When your child does not have an exam, they will attend their normal timetabled lesson. The Art and Photography exams will take place on Thursday 6 and Friday 7 October for C band students and Thursday 13 and Friday 14 October for D and F band students. Exam results for all subjects will be shared with you following our usual reporting process.

Although the academy has been preparing students for these exams in school, we are particularly keen to have your support during your child's preparation and throughout the exam period itself. Your child should work independently at home. Revising and managing a workload are key skills that your child will need to succeed at university, thrive in a top job or a real alternative. Top performing state, private and international schools all expect students to complete, at least, 15 hours of independent work each week throughout the year and significantly more in preparation for examinations. Now that your child's assessments are just weeks away, it is critical that they increase their revision time at home. To be successful, your child should spend, at least, 20 hours revising each week – a typical week could consist of 2 to 3 hours each weekday and 5 hours over the weekend. Key activities that your child should be doing when revising are:

- Self-quizzing – regularly testing against specific topics
- Completing past paper questions
- Chunking revision – spending a maximum of 45 minutes on any topic

Below is a list of ways that you can help your child during the run up and during the exam season:

- Help them organise a quiet area in which to revise
- Test them on key facts or figures
- Ask them to teach you different topics so that you can check their understanding
- Ensure they are well rested the day before the exam and have plenty of sleep
- Ensure they have a good breakfast on the morning of the assessment

If you have any questions regarding these assessments, please do not hesitate to contact your child's form tutor, Head of Year or myself. Thank you in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely



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Vice Principal



Period	Monday 14/11	Tuesday 15/11	Wednesday 16/11	Period	Thursday 17/11	Friday 18/11		
1 8.10-9.10	English Literature Paper 1 (1hr 40mins)	History Paper 1 (2 hrs)	Geography Paper 1 (1hr 30min)	RE Paper 1 (1hr 45mins)	1 8:10-9:00	Computer Science Paper 1 (2hrs)	Business Paper 2 (1hr 30mins)	
2 9.10-10.10					2 9.00-9.50			
3 10.10-11.10					3 9.50-10.40			
BREAK 11:10 – 11:30				NORMAL BREAK 10.40-11.00				
4 11.30-12.30	Spanish Reading (H - 1hr) (F - 45mins)	Science Paper 1 (1hr 15mins)	Biology B2 (1hr 45mins)	Science Paper 2 (1hr 15mins)	Chem C1 (1hr 45mins)	4 11.00-11.50	Imedia Paper (1hr 15 mins)	Computer Science Paper 2 (1hr 45mins)
Tutor time 12.30 – 13.05						Tutor time 11.50-12.25		
LUNCH 13:05 – 13:40				LUNCH 12.25-13.00				
5 13.40-14.35	Maths Paper 1 Non Calculator (1hr 30mins)	Spanish Listening (H- 45mins) (F -35mins)			5 13:50-14:40	Business Paper 1 (1hr 30mins)	Drama (2hrs)	
6 14.35-15.30					6 13.50-14.40			

Period	Monday 21/11	Tuesday 22/11	Wednesday 23/11	
1 8.10-9.10	English Language Paper 2 (1hr 45mins)	Geography Paper 2 (1hr 30mins)	Maths Paper 3 (1hr 30min)	
2 9.10-10.10				
3 10.10-11.10				
BREAK 11:10 – 11:30				
4 11.30-12.30		History Paper 2 (1 hr)	Science Paper 3 (1hr 15mins)	Physics P1 (1hr 45mins)
Tutor time 12.30 – 13.05				
LUNCH 13:05 – 13:40				
5 13.40-14.35	Maths Paper 2 (1hr 30mins)	Spanish Writing (H - 1hr 15min) (F - 1hr)		
6 14.35-15.30				