



15th November 2021

Dear Year 11 Students, Parents and Carers

Year 11 Mocks – December 2021 and Careers / Futures Preparation

I am writing to confirm arrangements for Year 11 mock examinations which start in early December. These examinations are really important as they give the opportunity to practice sitting papers and to reflect so that students can continue to prepare for the forthcoming summer examinations.

There will be **no formal lessons from Monday 6th December** and the year group will be based in the English block for the duration of their examinations although students will attend tutor time in the normal way.

The school day will be altered into two blocks of time called the morning and afternoon 'sessions'. The morning will last from 9.10am to 11.10am and the afternoon will run from Midday to 3.20pm. We have scheduled shorter examinations in the morning with longer ones in the afternoon and these blocks of time will include preparation time where students will be able to work through their notes and revision materials before starting the papers and students will therefore need materials to use here. The canteen will be offering a larger selection of food than normal from 11.10am.

Students will be **having a dedicated assembly on Monday 22nd November** where staff will talk them through the arrangements with the necessary detail. Departments over the next week or so will be clarifying what their requirements are with regards to specific papers.

We are going to **offer parents and carers the chance to hear a short presentation from staff online** around the mock examinations at **7pm on Monday 22nd November** where we will give the opportunity for any questions to be asked at the end so that you are able to support the process from home. Please use the following details of join the meeting:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76086112712?pwd=VWnJsQIBIUG42VS9TdTI6Y3hWUWxjZz09>

Meeting ID: 760 861 1 2712

Passcode: 9vE8Pf

Full school uniform is expected throughout this period and we will expect students to be suitably equipped. As you will notice from the detail at the bottom of this letter 'walking talking' Maths papers will be sat in advance on Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd December where students are taken through the examination process and an examination paper with a member of staff at the front of the Hall. This is seen nationally as an effective way in which to prepare students for examinations.

You will also notice that the last examination will take place on Thursday 16th December in the afternoon. Year 11 will be in school on Friday 17th December where we will be planning a different event for them. For all students across the school we finish at 12.05pm on that day.

As far as examinations next summer are concerned, the government has published details and I have included a link to one of our examination board's websites where this is highlighted for everyone for information: <https://www.aqa.org.uk/2021-2022-exam-changes/subject-changes-for-2022>

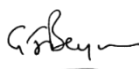
In January we will be publishing a report for Year 11 and having our Parents' Evening on Thursday 3rd February where we will give you the opportunity to meet subject staff to discuss the following six

months or so. In the meantime, senior staff are in the process of meeting every Year 11 student on a 1:1 basis to discuss how plans are progressing and looking specifically at life after Year 11 with regards to apprenticeships, the world of work and Level 3 courses such as A Levels at Colleges or Sixth Forms including ours. Our careers advisor Mrs Farr is available for appointments to support any decision-making throughout this period of time.

Can I also ask that you read the accompanying letter from Mr Moss highlighting other opportunities for Year 11 students.

Again we very much appreciate your support and look forward to seeing parents and carers online on Monday 22nd November.

With very best wishes



Gareth Beynon
Headteacher

Year 11 Examination Timetable December 2021

Walking/Talking Maths Non-Calculator Paper

Thursday 2 nd December 2021	Period 3 & 4 for 'V' ½ year group
Friday 3 rd December 2021	Period 3 & 4 for 'C' ½ year group

Mocks

	Morning	Afternoon
Friday 3 rd December 2021	English Language P1 & P2	Timetabled lessons P3 – P5
Monday 6 th December 2021	Maths Non - Calculator	Option D subject
Tuesday 7 th December 2021	Biology/Science	Option A subject
Wednesday 8 th December 2021	English Literature	Option B subject
Thursday 9 th December 2021	Chemistry/Science	Option D subject
Friday 10 th December 2021	Physics/Science	Option C subject
Monday 13 th December 2021	Option D subject	Option B subject
Tuesday 14 th December 2021	Option C subject	Option A subject
Wednesday 15 th December 2021	Rotation of futures activities & Walking/Talking Maths Calculator Paper Further Maths paper for FM students only	
Thursday 16 th December 2021	Option C subject	Maths Calculator
Friday 17 th December 2021	Year 11 event	