

Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: GCSE and A level mock exams – Monday 13th June to Friday 24th June 2022

Year 10 and 12 will complete their first set of GCSE and A level mock exams in the window Monday 13th June to Friday 24th June 2022. Please find their timetable attached below. This will provide students and teachers with valuable information before we break for the summer, supporting students to maximise the impact of their study time over the summer.

These mock exams will set your child up for success as they prepare for their actual GCSEs and A levels. This period should be taken seriously as it will give you, your child, and their teachers a clear indication of where they are on their path to GCSE and A level excellence.

How to support your son/ daughter

- Students should use a range of online and offline resources, including revision guides, notes from class, flash cards, textbooks, Youtube, specialist websites such as Dr Frost (maths) and Mr Bruff (English).
- Advice for students on how to revise and structure revision:
 - Students should not be revising all day, every day as this is not productive, leading to a drop in concentration and burnout. 4 hours a day during school holidays is sensible.
 - Students should divide their time between the 3 Rs: **Revise, Reward and Recharge**.
 - During revision sessions, **mobile phones should be kept outside the revision room**. They are a source of distraction and not the best tool for revision. **The PC/ laptop works for online revision not a mobile**.
 - After each focused revision session comes the **reward**, e.g. a chat, a snack, a chance to use their mobile phone. These are short time outs to let the brain refresh and for your child to feel pleased with their accomplishments.
 - Build in times to **recharge**, to meet friends, play a sport, watch a film. These should be planned in alongside revision sessions.
 - Encourage your son/ daughter to keep going. It will get considerably easier once good habits are formed.
- Study tips for students:
 - **Retrieval practice** – remember to test yourself on what you have revised/ learned. This makes learning stick. Try look-cover-write-check as a method to memorise key knowledge. It feels hard, but it works and you'll see how what you remember grows.
 - **Interleaving** – Mix the order you revise topics in, e.g., revise A then B then C on day 1, B then C then A on day 2, and then C then A then B on day 3.
 - **Highest leverage topics** – Don't start with the easiest nor the hardest content. Instead, focus on the topics you got wrong or made mistakes in. Prioritise these for practice and review.
 - **Practice papers** – the final rather than the first option for revision. These become increasingly important the closer you get to final assessment. These can be found online or ask your teachers.

During the mock period

- As normal, **students should be in school no later than 8.25am** every day.
- Students should be in school for the full day every day. **Attendance and punctuality during this period remain vital.** Please do not make any appointments for your child during this time.
- As your child completes their exams, they will return to their normal timetabled lesson.

You can help your child by making sure your child has the full equipment they need for their exams. They will require:

- A **clear** pencil case with at least TWO Black Pens, pencil, eraser, sharpener, ruler, protractor and scientific calculator.
- A water bottle (this must be clear with no labels and contain only water).

Our mock exam regulations are very clear and detailed. Not following them can lead to disqualification. To avoid this, students must:

- Begin exam papers only when instructed to do so
- Switch off and hand in all devices, including mobile phones and watches, before the start of each exam. We advise that students **do not** bring these items in on assessment days.
- Follow the instructions given by staff inside and outside the exam hall.
- Not to communicate or distract other candidates during the examination.
- Stay in the exam hall under exam regulations for the duration of each examination (unless otherwise instructed).

Please take time to discuss this with your child.

GCSE and A level mock exams are a very demanding time for students. We are working hard to prepare them as thoroughly as possible. If you are concerned about your child and wish to seek advice or support please contact the school.

Finally, we want to thank you for your support and help in preparing your child for their mock exams. I am sure we will join you in wishing them all the best. We look forward to seeing their well-deserved results.

Yours sincerely,



Ms E McEvoy

Assistant Principal

YEAR 12					
Date	Time	Exam board	Subject	Length	Location
13/06/2022	13:50	AQA	Psychology Paper 1	120 minutes	Sports hall
13/06/2022	13:50	AQA	Physics Paper 1	90 minutes	Sports hall
14/06/2022	08:55	AQA	Biology Paper 1	90 minutes	Activity studio
14/06/2022	08:55	Edexcel	Further Maths Core Pure 1	90 minutes	Activity studio
14/06/2022	13:50	Edexcel	English Paper 1	135 minutes	Sports hall
14/06/2022	13:50	Edexcel	Maths Paper 1	120 minutes	Sports hall
15/06/2022	13:50	AQA	Psychology Paper 2	90 minutes	Sports hall
15/06/2022	13:50	AQA	Physics Paper 2	90 minutes	Sports hall
16/06/2022	08:55		Music	150 minutes	TBC
16/06/2022	13:50	Edexcel	Maths Paper 2	75 minutes	Activity studio
16/06/2022	13:50	Edexcel	English Paper 2	75 minutes	Activity studio
17/06/2022	11:10	AQA	Chemistry Paper 1	90 minutes	Sports hall
17/06/2022	13:50	Edexcel	History Paper 1	135 minutes	Sports hall
17/06/2022	13:50	AQA	Computer Science Paper 1	105 minutes	Sports hall
20/06/2022	11:10	AQA	Biology Paper 2	90 minutes	Activity studio
20/06/2022	13:50	Edexcel	Economics Paper 1	90 minutes	Sports hall
21/06/2022	08:55	Edexcel	Politics Paper 1	120 minutes	Activity studio
21/06/2022	08:55	AQA	Physics Paper 2	90 minutes	Activity studio
21/06/2022	13:50	Edexcel	History Paper 2	90 minutes	Sports hall
21/06/2022	13:50	AQA	Computer Science Paper 2	90 minutes	Sports hall
22/06/2022	13:50	Edexcel	Economics Paper 2	90 minutes	Sports hall
23/06/2022	13:50	Edexcel	Politics Paper 2	120 minutes	Sports hall
23/06/2022	13:50	Edexcel	Further Maths Decision 1	90 minutes	Sports hall
24/06/2022	13:50	AQA	Chemistry Paper 2	90 minutes	Sports hall