



19 January 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope Year 11 students enjoyed the Careers Fair on Thursday. This was a great opportunity for them to meet representatives from a wide selection of companies, colleges and the NLS Sixth Form to gain information into choices and opportunities available post Year 11.

Mock Examination Window 3

The first two stages of Mock Examinations, to prepare our students for the Summer Exams, went extremely well in October and December. We continue to be really proud of the way our students prepared for these and conducted themselves each day. We believe by giving students multiple opportunities to get used to the exam environment will inevitably support them in the long term, to help reduce levels of worry and anxiety. Familiarity in location and expectation is really important for success to happen this Summer.

We are now preparing students for the final window of Mock Examinations, which is mainly the same subjects as the first window in October, covering the Core Subjects and Health and Social Care. These will take place over two weeks. The timetable below will be shared with students in advance, so they have significant time to get ready and prepared. When students do **not** have an exam, they will be attending normal lessons.

Please note all three Maths Exams will be completed in this window.

	Mon 5 th Feb	Tue 6 th Feb	Wed 7 th Feb	Thu 8 th Feb	Fri 9 th Feb
09:00	Maths Paper 1 Non-Calculator 1h 30				Maths Paper 2 Calculator 1h 30
13:00		Biology Combined 1h 10 Triple 1h 45		Chemistry Combined 1h 10 Triple 1h 45	

	Mon 19 th Feb	Tue 20 th Feb	Wed 21 st Feb	Thu 22 nd Feb	Fri 23 rd Feb
09:00		English Language 1 h 45	NRT EXAM*		
13:00	Maths Paper 3 Calculator 1 h 30		NRT EXAM*	Physics Combined 1h 10 Triple 1h 45	Health and Social Care 2 hours

*NRT EXAM- These are National Reference Tests, in English and Maths, that are controlled by an external agency. It is mandatory for schools that are chosen. The purpose of the National Reference Test (NRT) was introduced to provide additional information to support the awarding of GCSEs. It provides evidence of how performance standards have changed over time and is normally used to help set standards in GCSE English Language and Maths.

A small number of students will be chosen externally, 40 for Maths and 40 for English, to sit these tests. If chosen, students will only sit a Maths or an English paper, not both. The decision of who is not made by the school.

Students chosen will be expected to attend and try their best. These tests do not impact on any personal results for the students. Students will not be expected to do any additional revision for these. If your child is selected we will let them know in advance.

Mock Results Day

Results from the December Mock Examinations will be shared with students on Friday 26 January in a special assembly, in the same style as an August results day.

Year 11 Parents Evening

A reminder that our second Year 11 Parents Evenings is on Monday 18 March. Further information will come closer to the time. We really value your time to attend this very important evening so you can have a greater awareness of the support you can offer at home.

Tips of the trade supporting your child through Exams

Within the LEARN section on the website, parents can access the revision section [here](#), where there are ideas and tips of the trade to support your child at this very focused and important time.

Revision after school sessions

An after school subject revision timetable has been created and is available on the website [here](#). These sessions will commence from 29 January. Please encourage your child to attend as many as possible. Our Year 11 reward scheme, called 'Passport to the Prom', will run simultaneously to this where students can gain a stamp to their Passport for attendance and receive a free photograph at the Prom (which is on July 8.) On some of these evenings we will be doing Pizza nights, as a thank you to our students.

We are now getting into a very busy period of time as this term will be the last full term of teaching. Working together, to support our students to stay focused and determined to do their best will have huge benefits during the examination period.

Finally a reminder that today is the deadline for students to apply to our Sixth Form. All information regarding available courses, entry requirements and the application form can be found [here](#).

Have a lovely weekend.

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