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Dear Parent/Carer

We are really pleased with the start Y11 have made to the new term. They have settled in well with their new tutor and have now started the DTTR revision structure three times a week, in tutor time, for a block of 8 weeks. This is a chance to close some learning gaps in a subject the students are below target in. All research supports this approach of little and often and built into the school day and starting now, it gets our students into good habits and recognises the importance of revision. Without revision and retrieval practices, success will be difficult to achieve.

### Year 11 Mock Examinations – First Windows Coming Up

We are coming up to our first window of Mock Examinations. Below is the timetable that has been shared with all students. This is the first window of 3 mock examination sessions and covers the three Core Areas of Maths, English and Science.

- Maths will return in February, but will have the full complement of three papers. We are starting with two in this window, to ease the burden and stress and give all students a chance to build their maths resilience over 160 marks.
- English Language paper 1 is the only English exam at this stage.
- Science will have all three disciplines with 1 paper per subject.

So, overall, six examinations to get the cohort going.

Timings	Mon 17 Oct	Tues 18 Oct	Wed 19 Oct	Thurs 20 Oct	Fri 21 Oct
Start - 08:45am Canteen	<b>Maths Paper 1</b> Non- calculator			<b>English Language</b> (1h45)	<b>Maths Paper 2</b> Calculator (1h30)
Start - 12.50pm Canteen		<b>Biology</b>  Combined (1h10)  Triple (1h45)	<b>Chemistry</b>  Combined (1h10)  Triple (1h45)	<b>Physics</b>  Combined (1h10)  Triple (1h45)	

These mock examinations are very important and they need to be treated seriously. With careful revision and full knowledge on what each paper represents, students need to enter the exam hall with the attitude of doing their best and aiming high. From this, staff will be able to celebrate with students the successes but also inform students of where the gaps in knowledge still exist.

The second set of Mock Examinations will take place in the two weeks before Christmas. Further information to come on this!

## English Additional Revision

The English Department are offering the opportunity for your child to attend a free additional revision session to support them to prepare for their English Language and English Literature qualifications. These sessions will take place every Tuesday from 3:20 until 4:00pm in H014 until the December mocks.

These sessions are being offered to provide supplementary support to help students consolidate what they have learnt in lesson and through their homework. These sessions are initially open to students on a voluntary basis, although your child's English teacher may contact you to recommend that your child should be attending, if there is an aspect of the course which they require further support with. Each week will have a different focus to ensure that we are addressing the breadth of the specification.

The mock exam on 20<sup>th</sup> October will focus on English Language Paper 1. Students are following the AQA specification and a guide to the English Language specification:

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-language-8700/specification-at-a-glance>

The remainder of the revision sessions after half-term will focus on preparing pupils for their two English Literature mocks, which are scheduled to take place in December. Again, students will follow the AQA specification:

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-literature-8702/specification-at-a-glance>

It is vital that your child is familiar with the following texts for their December mocks:

- Macbeth
- An Inspector Calls
- A Christmas Carol
- The conflict poetry anthology

You can support your child by ensuring they read these texts at home, as there will not be the time to read the whole texts again during lesson time due to time constraints. Once your child has read these texts they should then engage with an active revision task, such as creating a knowledge organiser; planning a sample answer; writing the opening to an answer; writing a whole answer under timed conditions; answering SENeca questions on the texts; watching video tutorials that guide students how to write a good answer. We would like to thank you for your continued support.

## Parents Evenings

It is worth reminding all parents that there are two Parents Evenings in Y11, where you will get a chance to meet your child's teachers twice. Dates are on the calendar, but the first one is not far away on the 28th November. We strongly advise that you come on this evening because your attendance and interest really does make a huge difference in supporting your child.

## Sixth Form Open Evenings

We are delighted to invite parents, carers and students to our Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November. This is from 18:00-20:00 and a wonderful opportunity to explore facilities, discover our exciting curriculum, to hear some presentations, meet the teachers and ask any questions. Students are receiving personalised invites in Tutor Time but please also refer to the school website.

Yours Sincerley

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