

21 October 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

As we come towards the end of the Autumn half-term, our Year 11 students have a busy schedule ahead of them, as they prepare for their mock exams, attend open days, complete coursework, and apply to various Post 16 providers. I have been delighted with the way that the vast majority of our students have approached their academic studies at the start of this academic year, and I am confident that they will continue with this mature approach over the coming months.

Students will need to revise during the build to the mock examinations, for them to fulfil their potential. However, I also recognise it is important for our students to find the right balance between work and recuperation over the half-term break. To help alleviate stress and increase their chance of examination success, we are fully aware of the importance that time management and organisation can play, when our students are faced with many challenges. MADE Training will be coming into school on Friday 8 November to deliver a workshop 'exams made easy' to all Year 11 students. This workshop will focus on effective revision preparation and techniques for examinations.

Mock examinations will take place from Monday 2nd December to Friday 13th December 2024. This is now a crucial period for our Year 11 students who are about to sit these exams. It is imperative that our students revise thoroughly for these exams over the coming weeks, as it will help them to prepare effectively for their final exams in the summer term. Another key reason for students to prepare thoroughly for these examinations is because several Post 16 providers will request predicted grades when considering student applications.

Students who are either entitled to Access Arrangements or who have medical evidence from a GP for mental health concerns such as exam anxiety will have alternative room provision made available to them. All other students will sit their examinations in either the main or games exam hall. The attached mock exam timetable will enable students to see the date, time and venues of their exams. Please ask your child to check that they are entered for the correct examinations. Any issues for them to speak directly to Mrs Wainwright our Exams Officer.

We would greatly appreciate your help in ensuring that your child is engaging in this very important process over the coming weeks and that they are giving themselves the best possible opportunity to secure some successful outcomes.

Thank you for your continued support, as we enter a key period for our Year 11 students.

Yours sincerely



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