

31 October 2023

Dear Year 11 Parent/Carer

### **Year 11 Mock Examinations - Monday 13 November to Friday 1 December 2023**

I am pleased to be able to share with you the details of the mock exams that your child will complete during the November mock exam period. These exams are an important part of the work that your child is completing to prepare for their GCSE examinations next summer, which are now only a matter of months away.

These mock exams will ensure that your child fully understands the formal JCQ examination regulations, and how GCSE exams will run at Outwood Normanby. They will also enable students to practice their revision techniques, and the feedback they receive from these mock exams will indicate where students need to focus their revision on, moving forward. These examinations will provide your child's teachers with a clear indication of where they may need additional support over the next academic year, to be able to achieve their full potential during the summer 2024 exam period.

You can find the mock exam timetable below which shows all mock exams which will take place during the exam period.

#### **Week 1:**

Day	Date	Tutor	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Lunch 12-12.30pm Period 4	Period 5
<b>Monday</b>	<b>13 November</b>	Revision breakfast 7.30am	English Language - Component 1 (1 hr 45 mins)			Geography - Paper 1 (1 hr 30 mins)	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>14 November</b>	Revision breakfast 7.30am	Maths - Paper 1 (1 hr 30 mins)			History - Germany (1 hr 20 mins)	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>15 November</b>	Revision breakfast 7.30am	Biology Combined (1 hr 15 mins) Triple (1 hr 45 mins)			<i>Catch up exams for absent students</i>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>16 November</b>	Revision breakfast 7.30am	Maths - Paper 2 (1 hr 30 mins)			Spanish - Listening and Reading Foundation - (1 hr 20 mins) Higher - (1 hr 45 mins)	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>17 November</b>	Revision breakfast 7.30am	English Language - Component 2 (2 hrs)			<i>Catch up exams for absent students</i>	

**Week 2:**

Day	Date	Tutor	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Lunch 12-12.30pm Period 4	Period 5
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Monday	20 November	Revision breakfast 7.30am	Maths - Paper 3 (1 hr 30 mins)			Chemistry - Combined (1 hr 15 mins) Triple (1 hr 45 mins)	
Tuesday	21 November	Revision breakfast 7.30am	History - Medicine (1 hr 15 mins)			Geography - Paper 2 (1 hr 30 mins)	
Wednesday	22 November	Revision breakfast 7.30am	English Literature - Component 1 (2 hrs)			Spanish - Writing Foundation - (1 hr 15 mins) Higher (1 hr 20 mins) Computer Science (1 student) <i>Catch up exams for absent students</i>	
Thursday	23 November	Revision breakfast 7.30am	Physics - Combined (1 hr 15 mins) Triple (1 hr 45 mins)			Sport - (1 hr) <i>Catch up exams for absent students</i>	
Friday	24 November	Revision breakfast 7.30am	Design and Technology (2 hrs)			Catering - (1 hr 20 mins) Performing Arts - (35 mins)	

**Week 3** - these practical exams only apply to students who study these subjects. All other students will be in lessons as normal.

Monday	27 November	Revision breakfast 7.30am	Music				
			Catering practical - Group 1 (2 hrs)			Catering practical - Group 2 (2 hrs)	
Tuesday	28 November	Revision breakfast 8:15am	Art exam - (IIC only)				
Wednesday	29 November	Revision breakfast 8:15am	Art exam - (IIC only)				
Thursday	30 November	Revision breakfast 8:15am	Art exam - (IIA only)				
			Catering practical - Group 3 (2 hrs)			Catering practical - Group 4 (2 hrs)	
Friday	1 December	Revision breakfast 8:15am	Art exam - (IIA only)				

Please find additional details regarding the mock exams below:

### Revision breakfasts

Before every morning exam there will be a revision breakfast session starting at 7.30am. The revision breakfast is a fantastic opportunity for students to complete final preparations for each exam, including receiving a free breakfast. This is an important part of preparing for each exam - just as we will do in the summer GCSE exams - and we hope that every student takes up this opportunity.

### Morning exams

Students with a morning exam should arrive at school at 7.30am and join their teachers in their normal lesson classrooms. After breakfast is served in the dining area, students will line up on the yard outside of the exam hall by 8.40am. Examinations will commence promptly at 8.45am.

### Afternoon exams

To accommodate the afternoon exams, Year 11 will have their lunch between 12.00pm - 12.30pm. Students who have an afternoon exam will line up outside the exam hall at 12.30pm for a prompt start. Students who do not have an afternoon exam will go to normal timetabled lessons.

### Expectations

Dr Robinson will conduct an assembly with Year 11 to share some of the exam regulations which you can find outlined below:

- Students must remain in silence at all times in the examination hall, and must not attempt to communicate with any other student
- Students must not carry an electronic device - this includes mobile phones, headphones, and smart watches
- Students must only have a transparent water bottle or pencil case (although equipment will be provided for each examination)
- Students must leave all of their belongings in the designated area

These are the basic expectations of the JCQ (Joint Council for Qualifications). Student misconduct during actual GCSE examinations rightly has to be reported to the examination boards, to preserve the integrity of national qualifications. Misconduct can lead to being disqualified and not receiving a grade. It is important that students experience the same conditions during mock examinations so they are familiar with them, and gain confidence and resilience tackling some relatively long papers.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me via [c.gibson@normanby.outwood.com](mailto:c.gibson@normanby.outwood.com) if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours faithfully



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