



Dear Parents and Carers

Year 11 GCSE Internal Mock Examinations

I would like to commend our Year 11 students for the effort they put into their first round of mock exams in November 2024. We know this period is demanding on our young people and the resilience they have shown has been inspiring. Staff and students are now working hard together in preparation for the final round of assessments before the summer examination series begins.

I write to confirm the arrangements for final Year 11 mock examinations: **Monday 24 February to Friday 7 March 2025.**

Please see attached a master copy of the exam timetable. Individual timetables are being prepared, these are more detailed to show room and seat number. Useful information for students, parents and carers regarding examinations can be found on our website. [Exams Area \(whgs-academy.org\)](http://whgs-academy.org)

Please be aware of the extended end time for the school day due to the PERIOD 4 exam slot. While this change was unavoidable and will also occur during the summer exams, it's a good opportunity for our students to get accustomed to it. However, this may impact students who collect younger siblings or rely on buses to get home. Please make alternative arrangements during the exam period.

The internal mock exams provide an essential opportunity for students to familiarise themselves with the format and content of GCSE papers. Students who have access arrangements (e.g. extra time, use of a laptop etc.) for external exams will have the same arrangement in these internal mock exams.

There is no Study Leave for the internal mock examinations. Students are expected to attend school as normal throughout the period. Normal school lessons will continue, and therefore if your child doesn't have an exam, they must attend their lessons. Students should wear full school uniform.

Mobile phones, watches, iPods etc. are **NOT** allowed in examinations under any circumstances. Students must be silent in the exam room, face the front when seated and not communicate with other students in any way. They should supply all their own equipment for the exams (black pens, pencils, calculators etc.) and bring it to the exam in a clear plastic bag or pencil case.

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In the run up to the examinations we would ask that you monitor your son/daughter's revision and provide a quiet area away from distractions for them to study. Your support in the coming months will be a major factor in your child's successes, encouragement, and motivation to plan and complete revision:

- Students attend the intervention sessions provided at school
- Create a quiet space for your child to revise at home
- Check your child is doing their homework
- Keep in contact with us and talk to us about any concerns.

USEFUL REVISION:

- [Home - BBC Bitesize](#)
- <https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/>
- <https://sparxmaths.com/>
- [Carousel | Teach smarter, learn better \(carousel-learning.com\)](#)
- [The award-winning literacy resource for schools | Bedrock Learning](#)

Subject teachers will inform your child what to revise and full revision lists will be posted in the 'Learning from Home' section of the school website: [Learning from Home \(whgs-academy.org\)](http://www.whgs-academy.org)

The results of these mock examinations will affect your child's entry and predicted grades for the GCSE summer final examinations. The results are used by the school to further identify those who require additional help and support and are the basis for offers of places in our sixth form.

Finally, I would like to wish your child success in this series of examinations. This is the time of year when they should start to see their hard work paying off.

Yours sincerely

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