

To the Parents/Carers of Y11 students

Our Ref: SES/AS/APH Y11 Internal Mock Exams

Date: October 2024

## Year 11 Mock Exams (round one): Monday 11 November - Friday 22 November 2024

As you will know, your child is about to complete their first set of mock examinations as they prepare for their final GCSE examinations in the Summer of 2025. These results will also be used to predict grades that may be used on sixth form applications, so they are hugely important. Please discuss this with your child/ward and display the timetable in a prominent place at home. We kindly request that any appointments during school hours are avoided during these important exams.

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

In the run up to the examinations we would ask that you monitor your child's revision and provide a quiet area away from distractions for them to study. Subject teachers will share revision resources and ideas during lessons and all subjects will offer intervention sessions on the run up to the examinations. There are also some excellent sources of online revision for independent work to be found below. Pupils will be shown how to access these in lessons:

- Home BBC Bitesize
- https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/
- <a href="https://sparxmaths.com/">https://sparxmaths.com/</a>
- 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: <u>Learning from Home (whgs-academy.org)</u>

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.

In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact us at school if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

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Date for your diary: Year 11 (round two) Internal mock exams: Mon 24 Feb – Fri 7 Mar 2025

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