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Headteacher: Mr J Parr BA Hons

12th November 2021

Dear Parent/carers,

Re: Year 11 Mock Examinations - w/b 29th November 2021

The Mock Examinations are an important indicator of progress made by students and although there has been preparation taking place in lessons this term, the expectation is that this is supplemented and supported with significant study at home. These examinations are referred to as “mock” since they are an attempt to duplicate the situation which will arise when all Year 11 students take their external examinations in summer term 2022.

A good performance in these exams is vital and attendance is compulsory. We may be asked to provide a Teacher Assessed Grade for students who are unable to sit the GCSE exams in the summer of 2022, as happened last year. The outcome of these Mock Examinations (raw scores) may be used to inform that judgement, so it is really important to do as well as possible.

Not all students are involved in all the mock exams, so unless they are in an exam they should be in their usual timetabled lesson, which will be delivered as normal.

If your child is ill during the mock exam period, please phone the school office to report their absence in the usual way. We will re-arrange any missed exams for students who are too ill to attend.

I would like to reiterate the importance of thorough preparation for these examinations. We have invested in an online revision tool called Seneca Learning; your child has the log in details for this. A recent survey of Year 11 students showed that they enjoyed using Seneca and found it very useful. Please encourage them to use this along with the other signposted revision resources on GO 4 Schools for each subject. Completing past exam papers is also very high-impact revision, this scored highly in the student feedback too as did the use of revision guides and workbooks. If your child has not previously purchased a revision guide, and would like to, or they have any doubt as to the content covered by the examinations, then please contact the Head of Department of the relevant subject.

Since last half term we held a revision assembly and distributed a blank revision plan for students to plan the use of their time and ensure that they can fit in sufficient revision for each subject. There is help, support and guidance on the school website [here](#) covering how to revise, how to deal with stress and useful links to documents such as the [topics covered by the exams](#), a blank revision planner and the [exams timetable](#). A copy of the exam timetable is included at the end of this letter.

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Summer 2022 arrangements update:

The government is clear that students entering GCSEs, AS or A levels in 2022 should expect to take exams in the summer. In recognition of the fact that students' education has been disrupted by the pandemic, they [will be given extra help to prepare for their exams as follows:](#)

- students taking GCSEs in English literature, history, and geography will not need to cover the usual range of content in the exams
- students taking GCSEs in all other subjects will be given advance information about the focus of the content of the exams to help them focus their revision (expected in February 2022)
- students taking GCSEs in mathematics will be given in their exams copies of formulae they would in other years have to memorise
- students taking GCSE physics and combined science will be given in their exams a sheet covering all the equations they might need to apply in the exams

At present we are not in receipt of the formulae sheet mentioned above. Once these become available, we will distribute them to students. As part of our contingency plan, should the summer GCSE exam sessions be cancelled, as has happened in the last 2 years, we will use data generated in school to arrive at a Teacher Assessed Grade. We will draw evidence from the Year 11 Mock Exam 2021 and further exams that would take place in spring and summer 2021 should we need to put those in place. If and when we need to use these additional exams, we will write to you to let you know as soon as we know the details ourselves. At present there are no more details to share and this is of course a contingency plan not a foregone conclusion.

All being well the usual exam sessions will take place in the summer of 2022 and as a result of the preparation, dedication and hard work currently taking place both in school and at home we will once again be celebrating the success of students at Church Stretton School.

Yours sincerely,

AJ Wood

Dr A J Wood
Deputy Headteacher

Weekly Revision Timetable

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Autumn Term Mock Exams 2021 - Year 11 Timetable

(F = Foundation, H = Higher, bracketed timings are for students with extra time in exams)

Week A

Date	Period 1 8.50 – 10.05	Period 2 10.05 – 11.05	Break 11.05 – 11.20	Period 3 11.20 – 12.20	Lunch 12.20 – 13.10	Period 4 13.10 – 14.10	Period 5 14.10 – 15.10
Monday 29 th November	Geography Human 1 hour (1 hour 15 mins)		Break	Music 1 hour	Lunch	Maths 1 hour 30 mins (1 hour 53 mins)	
Tuesday 30 th November	English Language 1 hour 45 mins (2 hour 11 mins)		Break	Normal Lessons	Lunch	Normal Lessons	Normal Lessons
Wednesday 1 st December	Computer Science 1 hour 30 mins (1 hour 53 mins) French Writing F 1 hour (F 1 hour 15 mins) H 1 hour 15 mins (H 1 hour 34 mins)		Break	Normal Lessons	Lunch	History 1 hour 35 mins (1 hour 59 mins)	
Thursday 2 nd December	French Listening & Reading H 1 hour 45 mins (H 2 hours 11 mins) F 1 hour 20 mins (F 1 hour 40 mins)		Break	Normal Lessons	Lunch	Maths 1 hour 30 mins (1 hour 53 mins)	
Friday 3 rd December	Biology Combined – 1 hour 10 mins (1 hour 28 mins) Triple - 1 hour 45 mins (2 hours 11 mins)		Break	Normal Lessons	Lunch	Normal Lessons	Normal Lessons

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Week B

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Monday 6 th December	English Literature 1 hour 45 mins (2 hours 11 mins)		Break	Normal Lessons	Lunch	RE 1 hour (1 hour 15 mins)	
Tuesday 7 th December	Chemistry Combined – 1 hour 10 mins (1 hour 28 mins) Triple - 1 hour 45 mins (2 hours 11 mins)		Break	Normal Lessons	Lunch	Drama 1 hour 30 mins (1 hour 53 mins)	
Wednesday 8 th December	Geography Physical 1 hour (1 hour 15 mins)		Break	Normal Lessons	Lunch	Construction 1 hour (1 hour 15 mins)	
Thursday 9 th December	Physics Combined – 1 hour 10 mins (1 hour 28 mins) Triple - 1 hour 45 mins (2 hours 11 mins)		Break	Normal Lessons	Lunch	Sport 1 hour (1 hour 15 minutes)	
Friday 10 th December	Normal Lessons	Normal Lessons	Break	Normal Lessons	Lunch	DT 1 hour 30 mins (1 hour 53 mins)	