

Our ref: Hd/AJP
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Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 11 mock examination week 8th – 12 December 2014

Your child will be sitting mock exams the week commencing 8 December 2014. Please see mock exam week timetable below:

Year 11 Mock Exam Timetable

	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5
Monday 8 December 2014					
Tuesday 9 December 2014	Option C	Option C	Maths Paper 1 (Non Calculator)	(1hr 45 mins)	
Wednesday 10 December 2014	Option B	Option B	Additional Science &	Physics (1hr 15 mins)	
Thursday 11 December 2014	Maths Paper 2 (Calculator)	(1hr 45 mins)		Early Lunch 12:20 – 1:20pm	Religious Studies (1hr 10 mins)
Friday 12 December 2014	English Literature	(1hr 45 mins)	Option A	Option A	

*Triple Science will complete the Chemistry / Biology exams in the option time – details will be provided by the class teacher.

As with any examinations, we expect students to have all the correct equipment for their exams. Those students who arrive without the correct equipment will be issued with lunchtime detentions. Listed below is some additional information about the examinations from the core subjects:

Maths

The mock will consist of two papers, the first of which will be a non-calculator exam, the second a calculator. Students will be examined on all aspects of the course.

Since their last assessment, we have been preparing students thoroughly for GCSE Maths. We would therefore expect that students will improve on their previous performance. In order to give students the very best chance of reaching their full potential we would advise that they begin studying for their mocks as soon as possible. The mock exams are used as an indicator of how well students are achieving, and it should be noted that interventions at faculty/whole college level will be put into place for students who underperform.

The maths faculty operates an open door policy and students are welcome to come and see any Maths teacher during lunchtimes for extra support. There will be a series of more formal revision sessions put on in the lead up to their main exams, but in the meantime we would expect students to use their initiative and seek assistance as and when they feel it necessary.

English

The mock exam will test the students on 'Literature Unit 2: Understanding Poetry'. This is the unit that was completed earlier this term. As students have had access to all existing past papers, we have written a mock exam paper which will mirror their experience in the Summer.

Results from this mock will allow us to plan the in-class revision lessons later in 2015 and the after school revision sessions. It will also inform our individualised learning plans for students.

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Science

Most Science students are studying Additional Science in year 11. The Additional Science exam will cover the following modules:

- B3 Living and growing
- C3 Chemical economics
- P3 Forces for transport

The examination is 1hour 15mins in length.

Some students study Triple science. These students will have three separate science exams

Biology - (1hour 15minutes)

This exam will cover the following modules

- B1 Understanding organisms
- B2 Understanding our environment
- B3 Living and growing

Chemistry - (1hour 15minutes)

This exam will cover the following modules

- C1 Carbon chemistry
- C2 Chemical resources
- C3 Chemical economics

Physics - (1hour 15minutes)

This exam will cover the following modules

- P1 Energy for the home
- P2 Living for the future
- P3 Forces for transport

It is strongly advised that all students should purchase revision guides for Additional Science, Biology, Chemistry and Physics if they haven't already done so (available from the college shop).

Religious Studies – (1hour 10 minutes)

The religious studies exam will start at 1.30pm following an early lunch on the Thursday. This exam will be in the same format as Summer exams and will give students a real exam experience. Students will be examined in the topics they learned in Year 10: Religion and Relationships, Religion and Work and Religion and the Multicultural Society.

It is important that all students revise thoroughly for the science exams as we will be using the results to confirm higher or foundation entry levels for the exams in the summer.

On the college website there is information on how to revise and examples of revision timetables which your child may find useful in preparing for this week.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely,



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