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Dear Parents/Guardians

Year 11 Information on Summer 2022 Examinations

The Department for Education and Ofqual recently announced the adaptations to 2022 summer exams to ensure fairness for pupils and help pupils reach their potential. Following a public consultation, the government and Ofqual have confirmed the following changes which they have published online on their Education Hub.

In summary:

GCSE English Literature, History and Geography - pupils will have a choice of topics/content to answer questions on during the exams

GCSE Art and Design- pupils will be assessed on their portfolio only

GCSE Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Combined Science - pupils can observe a demonstration by a teacher, or observe it remotely; there is no requirement for pupils to undertake practical work

GCSE Mathematics - a formulae sheet will be provided in the exams

GCSE Physics and GCSE Combined Science - an equation sheet will be provided in exams.

To support pupil revision, advance information will be provided by exam boards about the focus of content within a specification to be assessed in summer 2022. Exam boards will issue guidance to schools; this will be communicated by Ofqual in advance of the exams, no later than 7th February, and will apply to the majority of subjects at GCSE, **except** GCSE English Literature, History and Geography.

As soon as we are made aware of this support material, subject teachers will communicate the information to your child.

Year 11 Mock Examinations

In the meantime we will continue to prepare pupils for their examinations and part of that is mock examinations. Along with this letter there is a letter addressed to pupils covering revision tips and planning and a copy of the timetable for this year's Christmas mock examinations. It may be worthwhile reading through this letter with your child to ensure they know how important revision is to their future success. These letters are available to print from the school website. Some subjects may send home particular revision guidance or resources such as the recent communication from Maths with exam packs.

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Principal Mrs C Walmsley
Chair of Governors Mrs J Garnett

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The mock examinations start on Thursday 18th November and will be completed by Friday 26th November. Your child's subject teachers will begin to set revision as homework from now until the examination period. The examinations will be conducted as formal GCSE examinations and the same standards of behaviour are applied to these internal examinations to prepare pupils fully.

Pupils will attend school as normal during the examinations – when not taking an examination they will be in their usual classes. Because some examinations begin promptly during morning registration it is essential your child is not late for school. Pupils must attend in their correct uniform. In the unlikely event that a pupil does not observe proper uniform or behaviour in the examination halls or rooms this will be dealt with severely, as you would expect.

I trust you will encourage your child to revise thoroughly and reinforce the importance of appropriate uniform and conduct in examinations.

Yours sincerely

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