



Wednesday 26 January 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: MOCK EXAMINATIONS FOR YEAR 11

We are conducting mock exams this half term to prepare for their Year 11 exams in the Summer. These exams will also show us where your child needs help so we can give them more targeted support. The aim is for your child to achieve the best possible grade in the actual exams. During the mocks students will be sitting either Entry Level, Functional Skills or GCSE in both English and Maths. This will help inform us of actual levels to enter your child in this year's Exams series. Some ICT work and assessments are ongoing. We will be running these mock exams during the week beginning 7th February. The teachers will send you more detail of your individual child's individual timetables soon.

We understand that some of our students find exams stressful and cause some anxiety. Teachers are practicing with students in class using past papers to minimise stress and build confidence. These exams are meant to be supportive, and we are happy to support any young person who is finding the process stressful. We want to practise the rigor of the formal processes and help your child by making it familiar to them. Teachers are also using their PSHE lessons to prepare and explain how Exams are carried out and what to expect.

So you are aware and can help remind your child, all students will practise by following the rules in the exam rooms under controlled exam conditions within the JCQ regulations. This means that:

- Phones will be collected at the door
- Bags will need to be left in a class base not taken to the exam's spaces
- Coats will be collected at the door
- Wrist watches need to be handed in

We will provide each child with an approved calculator, clear pencil case and stationary allowed for examinations.

If you have any questions or queries, please contact your class teacher or myself and we will be happy to support.

Many thanks for your continued support.

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