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Dear Parent

Year 11 Mock GCSE Examinations: Monday 15 - Wednesday 24 November 2021

I am enclosing a copy of the timetable for the mock GCSE examinations which begin on Monday 15 November. The timetable also includes key dates for language tests taking place during this term. Your son/daughter has been given a revision timetable and study skills booklet in order to help him/her to use study time more effectively. I am also enclosing an advice sheet for parents which I hope you will find helpful. This information is also available on the school website.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that your son/daughter will be completing a *Non-Exam Assessment (NEAs)* in many of their subjects during the course of the year:

Subject	NEA % of the overall grade
Art, Photography & Graphic Communications	100% Portfolio
Music	60% Performing and Composing
Design and Technology	50% Portfolio and Prototype
PE	40% Practical Assessment
Modern Foreign Languages	25% Speaking Test

It must also be noted there is an NEA for English Language and whilst this does not contribute to the overall grade, it is a teacher assessed speaking accreditation which will appear alongside the final grade.

In reference to this NEAs, it is important that pupils plan effectively throughout the year, not just during the mock examinations. I am enclosing a non-exam assessment information sheet, which states clearly the regulations for submission of this assessment. I would appreciate you reading this through with your son/daughter.

Year 11 tutors and subject teachers will be guiding pupils through their revision programme in school, but pupils also need to be encouraged to organise their time effectively at home. Pupils should also bring revision materials with them to afternoon tutor time as they will be encouraged to do 10 minutes of revision instead of silent reading. All pupils have been set 2 hours of directed study to be completed over the holidays. For those pupils who have already started their revision this should be sufficient preparation and will hopefully allow for some important relaxation and leisure time. It must also be noted that pupils who have not begun their revision will need to complete more than the two hours per subject.

During the examinations, attendance at school is compulsory. However, pupils will be allowed to revise in any session in which they do not have an examination. Pupils should make sure that they bring all the necessary equipment for each exam, including a spare pen. Pens, pencils, rubbers, mathematical instruments and calculator required for an examination must be contained in a clear

pencil case or a clear plastic bag. It is also worth noting that Frixion® erasable pens are not to be used during exams.

If you have any concerns or questions about the forthcoming examinations, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Sweeney', written in a cursive style.

Mrs M Sweeney
Examinations Officer