

NSH/CCH

16 November 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

**YEAR 9 AUTUMN MOCK EXAMINATIONS:
FRIDAY 20 NOVEMBER TO FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER**

Please find enclosed with this letter, a copy of the overview for our Year 9 mock examination timetable and another copy of the Year 9 revision list.

The purpose of these examinations are to start preparing our students for the rigour of the final GCSE examinations that they will be sitting in the summer 2023 in Year 11. In 'non COVID' circumstances, these examinations would take place in formal examination venues in the same format as our Year 10 summer mocks and our Year 11 January mocks. For obvious reasons, this is not possible this year so they are taking place in Year 9 form rooms.

We will hold a special Team Year 9 assembly where the expectations that we have for our students over the course of the mocks will be shared. These expectations are in place to ensure that all of our students are as prepared as possible for their examinations. This assembly will also include revision tips and advice as well as useful websites.

To support and prepare our students for the autumn mock examinations, our Year 9 teachers have been delivering a programme of teaching, advice, support and revision advice. Students will also receive a lesson on revision tips and examination practice in their Citizenship lesson.

Obviously, some students have missed a number of lessons in school due to COVID 19 related self-isolation. Please do not worry about this; all that we ask is that our Year 9 students do the best that they can in the current circumstances. All work has been made available on our OneDrive for students to continue with. In terms of the material being covered, the work on the OneDrive is the same as the students are covering in class, so as not to disadvantage students working from home.

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We are also planning formal catch-ups for all of our students who are absent for whatever reason during mock week so that as many students have the opportunity to sit the mocks as possible. These will take place the week beginning Monday 30 November. This will apply to your child if they are absent for any of the mocks.

If you have any further queries about the forthcoming examinations, or support for your child, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Head of Year, Form Tutor, Subject Teacher, or relevant Head of Faculty or Department.

Students will be issued with their results from the autumn mocks, an expected progress grade by the end of Year 9 and an end of Year 9 target grade in the December grade card.

Other Key Dates for Parents/Carers:

- Year 9 Grade Card including mock results: December 2020
- Year 9 Options Evening: Tuesday 2 February (Format and further details COVID pending).
- Year 9 Parents' Evening: Tuesday 9 February (Format and further details COVID pending).
- Year 9 Grade Card 2: April 2021
- Confirmation of Year 10 Options: May 2020

Yours faithfully



Mr N Holmes
Director of Student Progress