

NSH/CCH

11 December 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

**YEAR 11 JANUARY MOCK EXAMINATIONS
WEDNESDAY 6 JANUARY TO FRIDAY 22 JANUARY**

You will be aware that our Year 11 mocks are taking place just after the Christmas break. You will find within this letter information about how you can support your child to be as fully prepared as possible for these examinations. We are very aware that a number of our Year 11 students have missed teaching time in school due to COVID related self-isolation and we will continue to track this and support all of our students to ensure that they miss as little learning as possible. The 'One Drive' has all of the lessons taught to our year 11 students and is organised weekly by date.

In order to support and prepare our Year 11 students for the January mock examinations all of our Year 11 teachers have been planning and delivering a programme of ongoing teaching, advice and support in the lead up to the mock examinations. Your child was given a full set of revision guides in Year 10 and your child's teachers will continue to provide access to extra revision materials to support with final mock revision.

We will withhold our mock results and hold a mock examination results' session in early February after all of the results have been collated. Your child will receive a mock exam results grade card. They will not be given results before this to make the day as realistic an experience as possible.

ORGANISATION AND SUPPORT

The overview examination timetable can be found at the end of this letter. We will also give all of our students a personal copy of their examination timetable before the Christmas break.

We are giving all of our students a '*Year 11 Revision topics, how to revise and how this will be checked*' summary document. This will be for all of the examinations due to take place within the mocks. It will include specific revision topics, what the students actually need to do for their revision and details of how your child's teachers will check that the revision has actually been completed.

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In our Personal Development lessons, we are asking all of our Year 11 students to plan their Year 11 revision timetable.

With regards to revision planning and revision timetable, we would recommend the following to our Year 11 students:

- Plan a final revision timetable that starts on Monday 14th December, and is designed to be spread across the six weeks from the last week of term, and continues up to the date of the last exam. This will hopefully prevent the volume of revision required feeling 'overwhelming'.
- Spend at least four or five hours of revision on each subject over the course of this six-week period.
- Plan the time that you do revise, use this time productively and stick to your revision plan. Your revision plan must also include days when you are not revising at all, particularly over the actual Christmas period.
- It is important that you take time away from your revision completely for family time, fun, festivities, rest and relaxation. This is vital for your health and wellbeing.

We will post our '*Year 11 Revision topics, how to revise and how this will be checked*' summary document on our school website.

You will be aware there will be a continued planned programme of support for our Year 11 students after the mock exams as we progress throughout the spring term and on to the final GCSE examinations in summer 2021. We will write to you again with further details of this. We will continue to strive to do all that we can to support all of our students achieve their very best.

We are planning for all eventualities regarding COVID related self-isolation throughout the duration of the mocks. We have various 'back up' plans for any students who may not be able to be in school for the mocks. Please do not worry about this and be rest assured that we will do all we can to make this a meaningful process for all of our students and that our students do not miss out in the completion of these mocks.

If you have any further queries about the forthcoming mock examinations and support for your child, please do not hesitate to contact one of us, your child's subject teacher, or our Examination Team - Karen Dews (Examinations' Officer) or Sharon Bennett (Examinations' Assistant).

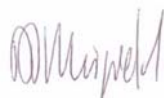
Yours sincerely



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ORGANISATION AND SUPPORT

Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday 4th January	Normal lessons	
Tuesday 5th January	Normal lessons	
Wednesday 6th January	Drama Business Paper 1 BTEC Health & Social Care BTEC Enterprise	History Paper 1
Thursday 7th January	Geography Paper 1 Psychology Music	History Paper 2
Friday 8th January	Staff Training day	
Saturday 9th January		
Sunday 10th January		
Monday 11th January	English Literature Paper 1	Trilogy Chemistry Chemistry
Tuesday 12th January	French Listening Food and Nutrition	French Writing Spanish Reading
Wednesday 13th January	Spanish Listening	Spanish Writing French Reading
Thursday 14th January	English Literature Paper 2	Trilogy Biology Biology
Friday 15th January	Design Technology Computing Paper 1 PE Paper 1	Geography Paper 2
Saturday 16th January		
Sunday 17th January		
Monday 18th January	GCSE Media Studies Computing Paper 2 PE Paper 2	History Paper 3
Tuesday 19th January	Maths Paper 1	Maths Paper 2
Wednesday 20th January	Maths Paper 3	Trilogy Physics Physics
Thursday 21st January	3D Art Business Paper 2	
Friday 22nd January	Fine Art	

*Please note that there are a small number of vocational external examinations taking place during this time. Your child will already have received this information on a separate personal examination timetable.

**If your child studies more than one subject in any of the examination slots then one (or more) of the examinations will be rearranged to a different timeslot on the timetable. This will be detailed on your child's personal examination timetable.

***We will timetable in 'catch up' slots during and immediately after the examination period for any student who has missed an examination due to COVID related self-isolation or any other reason.