

29 January 2024

Dear Year 11 Parent/Carer

Year 11 Mock Examinations - Monday 19 February to Friday 1 March 2024

I am pleased to be able to share with you the details of the mock exams that your child will complete during the February mock exam period. These exams are an important part of the work that your child is completing to prepare for their GCSE examinations next summer, which are now only a matter of months away.

These mock exams will ensure that your child fully understands the formal JCQ examination regulations, and how GCSE exams will run at Outwood Normanby. They will also enable students to practice their revision techniques, and the feedback they receive from these mock exams will indicate where students need to focus their revision on, moving forward. These examinations will provide your child's teachers with a clear indication of where they may need additional support throughout the remainder of their final academic year, to be able to achieve their full potential during the summer 2024 exam period.

You can find the mock exam timetable below which shows all mock exams which will take place during the exam period.

Week 1:

Day	Tutor	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Lunch 12-12.30pm Period 4	Period 5
Monday 19 February	Revision breakfast 7.30am	English Language- Component 1 <i>1 hr 45 mins</i>		Masterclasses: History - HI1, HI2, HI3 Geography - GEO1, GEO2	Geography- Physical: <i>1 hour 30 mins</i> History - Medicine: <i>1 hour 15 mins</i>	
Tuesday 20 February	Revision breakfast 7.30am	Maths Paper 1 <i>1 hr 30 mins</i>		Masterclasses: H&SC - VOC1	Health & Social Care: <i>1 hour 30 mins</i> Computer Science - Paper 1: <i>1 hour 30 mins</i> <i>Catch up exams for absent students</i>	
Wednesday 21 February	Revision breakfast 7.30am	Biology <i>Combined 1 hr 15 mins; Triple 1 hr 45 mins</i>		Masterclasses: Spanish - LA1, LA2	Spanish - Listening and Reading (VOC1 VOC2) <i>Foundation- 1 hr 20 mins; Higher 1 hr 45 mins</i>	
Thursday 22 February	Revision breakfast 7.30am	Maths Paper 2 <i>1 hr 30 mins</i>			<i>Catch up exams for absent students</i>	
Friday 23 February	Revision breakfast 7.30am	English Language - Component 2 <i>2 hrs</i>			<i>Catch up exams for absent students</i>	

Week 2:

Day	Tutor	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Lunch 12-12.30pm Period 4	Period 5
Monday 26 February	Revision breakfast 7.30am	English Literature- Component 1 <i>2 hrs</i>		Masterclasses: History - HI1, HI2, HI3 Geography - GEO1, GEO2	Geography- Human: <i>1 hour 30 mins</i> History- American West: <i>1 hour 45 mins</i>	
Tuesday 27 February	Revision breakfast 7.30am	Chemistry <i>Combined 1 hr 15 mins; Triple 1 hr 45 mins</i>		Masterclasses: Maths - MA1- MA6	Maths Paper 3 <i>1 hr 30 mins</i>	
Wednesday 28 February	Revision breakfast 7.30am	English Literature- Component 2 <i>2 hrs 30 mins</i>			<i>Catch up exams for absent students</i>	
Thursday 29 February	Revision breakfast 7.30am	Physics <i>Combined 1 hr 15 mins; Triple 1 hr 45 mins</i>		Masterclasses: History - HI1, HI2, HI3	History- Germany: <i>1 hour 20 mins</i>	
Friday 1 March	Revision breakfast 7.30am	Design and Technology <i>2 hours</i>		Masterclasses: Spanish - LA1, LA2 Catering - TE3	Spanish- Writing - <i>Foundation 1 hour 15 mins; Higher 1 hour 20 mins</i> Hospitality and Catering - <i>1 hour 20 mins</i> Computer Science - Paper 2: <i>1 hour 30 mins</i> <i>Catch up exams for absent students</i>	

Please find additional details regarding the mock exams below:

Revision breakfasts

Before every morning exam there will be a revision breakfast session starting at 7.30am. The revision breakfast is a fantastic opportunity for students to complete final preparations for each exam, including receiving a free breakfast. This is an important part of preparing for each exam - just as we will do in the summer GCSE exams - and we hope that every student takes up this opportunity.

Morning exams

Students with a morning exam should arrive at school at 7.30am and join their teachers in their normal lesson classrooms. After breakfast is served in the dining area, students will line up on the yard outside of the exam hall by 8.40am. Examinations will commence promptly at 8.45am.

Afternoon exams

To accommodate the afternoon exams, Year 11 will have their lunch between 12.00pm - 12.30pm. Students who have an afternoon exam will line up outside the exam hall at 12.30pm for a prompt start. Students who do not have an afternoon exam will go to normal timetabled lessons.

Expectations

Dr Robinson will conduct an assembly with Year 11 to share some of the exam regulations which you can find outlined below:

- Students must remain in silence at all times in the examination hall, and must not attempt to communicate with any other student
- Students must not carry an electronic device - this includes mobile phones, headphones, and smart watches
- Students must only have a transparent water bottle or pencil case (although equipment will be provided for each examination)
- Students must leave all of their belongings in the designated area

These are the basic expectations of the JCQ (Joint Council for Qualifications). Student misconduct during actual GCSE examinations rightly has to be reported to the examination boards, to preserve the integrity of national qualifications. Misconduct can lead to being disqualified and not receiving a grade. It is important that students experience the same conditions during mock examinations so they are familiar with them, and gain confidence and resilience tackling some relatively long papers.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me via c.gibson@normanby.outwood.com if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours faithfully



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