



Tomlinscote School

18th October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Year 11 Trial Examinations: Wednesday 29th November – Thursday 14th December 2023

These examinations form an essential part of the preparation of your child for GCSEs in the Summer and will provide very clear pointers as to their likely level of achievement.

For this academic year, the examination period runs from Wednesday 29th November – Thursday 14th December 2023. Attached is a copy of the Year 11 Trial Exams Timetable, together with a Trial Examination Guide for Candidates and some JCQ Information for Candidates. If a student has a clash of subjects on the timetable they must go to the Examinations Office on the CG corridor, opposite the Medical Room to reschedule.

Students will attend their form to be registered and then head down to the playground to line up for their exam. If a student is unable to attend an examination for any reason, the school must be informed before 08:00. Please check the start time of the examinations and students should arrive in plenty of time. Please note that occasionally, the afternoon sessions overrun and therefore students may finish later than published.

Please help us by ensuring that your child arrives at school in good time, in full school uniform and with all the necessary equipment, which must include 2 black pens, ruler, rubber and calculator (where needed). Please be reminded that **no watches or internet-capable devices are permitted in the exam venues.**

Where students have missed an exam, they should see the Examinations Officer to arrange a catch-up session as soon as possible. The examination results will be published in a report that will be issued in January 2023 at a 'Mock Results Day'.

Revision

Many students will have their revision timetable drawn up and their revision will be well under way. If your child is not quite there with this, a good place to start is with the home learning schedule. Students are expected to spend 45 minutes on each piece of home learning, and it is expected that students should spend about 1 hour 30 minutes revising or completing home learning for each subject per week. If students need more information on how to revise, they can look at the 'Preparing for Year 11' document which explains some of the techniques that we refer to in school.

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Students have been working on producing their own revision timetables with their tutor, basing this on their home learning schedule and adding in an extra subject each evening and doing some extra revision at the weekend. If they would like to use an online tool that can download the 'adapt' revision timetable app from the app store (more details can be found at <https://getadapt.co.uk>), which will also help them to structure their revision. Students can also access the past papers and mark schemes all in one place using the 'my past papers' app <https://mpp.c2dev.co.uk/>

Finally, the 'Schemes of revision' and the subject topic lists are available on the 'Year 11 Subject RAG Topic Lists' google classroom, and these provide general details on what will be assessed in the mock exams. For most subjects, students are required to revise everything they have covered on their course from the start of the course in Year 9 through to the end of November 2023.

Yours sincerely

Mr R Major
Principal