



Tomlinscote School

11th October 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Year 11 Mock Examinations: November – December 2024

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 mock examinations have been spread across several weeks to allow time for marking, feedback and interventions to take place. Students have an English Language exam in the first week back after half-term and then there are several controlled assessments before the main examination window which runs from Monday 2nd December – Friday 13th December 2024. Attached is a copy of the Year 11 Mock Exams Timetable, together with an Examination Guide for Candidates. There are a number of JCQ guides for candidates on our website, please see link below: <https://www.tomlinscoteschool.com/page/?title=Exam+Information+and+Results&pid=44>
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 some of the afternoon sessions run beyond 3.10pm and therefore students will finish later, on those days.

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 2024 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.

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All students will have a 'revision strategies' session with Mrs Tonkin and Mr Taylor on Tuesday 22nd October and Mrs Tonkin. If students need more information on how to revise, they can access lots of great information on the 'Year 11 Schemes of Revision and RAG Topic Lists' Google Classroom. Parents have also received weekly 'How to Revise' videos to help support students when revising at home.

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. 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 in their course from the start of the course in Year 9 through to the end of November 2024.

Yours sincerely

Mr R Major
Principal