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Dear Year 11 parents and carers

Mock and Final Exam Information

We have been spending our Personal Development and Excellence sessions with Year 11 recently focusing on how to plan revision, looking at online revision resources, and offline revision techniques, to help Student Name prepare effectively for their forthcoming final exams. Teachers have also been discussing the specific subject requirements and plans during class time too.

Here are some of the key assessment moments from now through to the end of the exams.

Advance Information from the Exam Boards

On Monday 7 February all the exam boards released what they have called “Advance Information”. This is the list for most GCSE subjects of which topics or skill areas will definitely be included in exam questions, and also which will definitely not be tested. Teachers are now using this information in preparing the work they will do with their classes leading up to the final GCSE exams. Each subject will be sharing this with students and parents on Go4Schools at the time and in the manner that will best support the students; different subjects will share the information at different times over the coming half term.

More Mock Examinations, week commencing 28 February

After half term all Year 11 students will be sitting mock exams, in a formal fashion in the Exam Hall, for English, Maths and Science. This will provide more excellent practice for them by emulating the conditions, stresses and pressures that will be present in the actual exams, giving them another opportunity to learn how best to cope with the exam experience. You can find the [dates for the Mock Exams](#) on our website.

Classroom-Based Teacher Assessments

Throughout the coming term other subjects will finish teaching their courses and will move towards revision. Teachers will be holding classroom-based assessments to identify where students are now and how to improve. You can find the dates for these in the [Assessment Schedule 2022](#) on our website. These assessments will happen during normal lesson time. With the removal of all Covid-related restrictions it is extremely likely that the GCSE exams will go ahead as planned and there will not be any cancellations. However, schools have been instructed to gather evidence (called Contingency Assessment) in the event that there are cancellations in the summer. These assessments and the mock exams will form the evidence towards generating a Teacher Assessed Grade if this were to be required by the exam boards.

Summer 2022 Examination Dates

You can find the Exam Boards’ GCSE examination dates in chronological order in [Summer 2022 Exam Timetable](#) on our website. Mrs Howell, our Exams Officer, will provide all students with an individualised timetable during next half term.

Parent Webinar

I will be running a webinar for parents after half term about exams, assessments and preparation and will email more details about this closer to the time.

In the meantime, if you have any questions please ask.

Best wishes

Mr S Rolt

Deputy Headteacher

