



Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 Mock Exam series 1 – Monday 11th November to Thursday 21st November 2019

During the weeks commencing 11th and 18th November, Year 11 students will be sitting a programme of mock GCSE exams for English, Maths, Science and their option subjects. These mock exams will form part of the second round of monitoring. Mock exams in English, Maths, Science, and Humanities have been externally set for use in all schools across the Multi Academy Trust. This will help moderate and standardise the grades awarded, giving students, parents and teachers a valid and accurate picture of current progress. Students will be made aware of the timetable of mock exams this week; the timetable will also be posted on the school website: [Year Groups/Year 11/Revision](#) and displayed outside the Main Hall.

Teachers for all subjects will be making students aware of how and on what content they will be assessed in the lead up to the mock exams; however included below is a summary of the assessments for the Core, Ebacc and option subjects along with how students can best prepare for these.

Please can I take this opportunity to remind parents/carers of the after school revision session provision that is available Monday to Friday and to encourage students to engage at home with the suggested preparation highlighted below.

English Lang / Lit:	
What topics and learning will the mock exams cover?	English Language - Paper 2 English Literature – ‘Romeo and Juliet’ and ‘A Christmas Carol’
What form will the mock exam take?	2 x 1 hour 45 minute exams
What materials have been provided to assist students’ preparations?	Students will have a practice paper 2 for English Language to complete at home and they will have a range of flash cards and revision materials for ‘Romeo and Juliet’ and ‘A Christmas Carol’
How could students be supported in their preparations at home?	They need to complete the English Language Paper 2 under timed conditions. They could be tested on memorised quotations and explain to parents what they will write about each quotation.

Maths	
What topics and learning will the mock exams cover?	The whole of the KS4 programme of study
What form will the mock exam take?	3 papers (1 non-calculator, 2 calculator) each 1.5hrs in duration.
What materials have been provided to assist students’ preparations?	To help students revise the topics they need to, all students have been issued with a ‘Corbett Maths’ list of topics, which all have a You Tube video attached. Students can buy a revision guide from school/‘Amazon’/‘WH Smiths’, as well as using their books to revise from.
How could students be supported in their preparations at home?	‘Seneca’ https://www.senecalearning.com/blog/gcse-maths-revision/ and ‘BBC Bitesize’ https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z38pycw offer the entire programme of study to help support students revising at home.

Science	
What topics and learning will the mock exams cover?	Biology, Chemistry and Physics papers 1 topics. This is usually the first 4 sections in the revision books the students have been provided with.
What form will the mock exam take?	3 papers (combined 75 minutes Triple 105 minutes) A mixture of tick box, short answer 1 or 2 mark questions and longer answer 3 or 4 mark questions with at least one extended 6 mark question
What materials have been provided to assist students’ preparations?	Revision guides, revision packs with revision cards have been provided to students for their use at home. Completed homework booklets with example questions are also available to students. Students are also able to complete sections set on SENECA https://www.senecalearning.com/ ; students already have their log in details.

How could students be supported in their preparations at home?	Encourage use of the SENECA learning website. Check revision cards and quiz the students on their recall. Ensure that they have completed the homework tasks from this half term as these link specifically to the mock exam topics.
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History	
What topics and learning will the mock exams cover?	Health and the people, Norman England and Weimar and Nazi Germany
What form will the mock exam take?	There is an hour paper for each of the three modules they have covered so far. Two of the modules will be sat at the same time in a two hour block and then there will be a further one hour block. This will be the same format as the mock exam taken at the end of Year 10.
What materials have been provided to assist students' preparations?	Revision guides (letters sent out to parents last week), BBC Bitesize https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zj26n39 , their exercise books and revision maps that we have given to students previously.
How could students be supported in their preparations at home?	Encourage students to use revision websites/guides, complete revision homework which is set. Discuss their mock exam postcard with them to help them focus on what they need to do to improve.

Geography	
What topics and learning will the mock exams cover?	There will be two papers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A full Paper 1 – Living with the Physical Environment (Section A, B and C) • Paper 2 – Challenges of the Human Environment (section A and B – followed by a fieldwork question from Paper 3)
What form will the mock exam take?	Both papers are 90 minutes long with a range of question tariffs from 1 mark through to 9 mark assess and evaluate questions. Students should be familiar with these questions.
What materials have been provided to assist students' preparations?	Books can go home and the summer homework was to complete revision notes for paper 1. The GCSE revision guide is a recommended resource. https://www.amazon.co.uk/Grade-GCSE-Geography-Revision-Guide/dp/1782946101/ref=asc_df_1782946101/?tag=googshopuk-21&linkCode=df0&hvadid=310865071345&hvpos=1o2&hvnetw=g&hvrand=1545410946582541551&hvpone=&hvptwo=&hvgmt=&hvdev=c&hvdvcmdl=&hvlocint=&hvlocphy=&hvtargid=pla-415302621776&psc=1&th=1&psc=1
How could students be supported in their preparations at home?	Students should focus on revising case studies and key areas of weakness. We are looking to see a big improvement in Paper 1 – especially Rivers and Coasts.

Spanish		
What topics and learning will the mock exams cover?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friends, family and relationships • Technology • Free time activities (including media/food/eating out/sport) • Healthy lifestyles • Festivals • Home and where you live 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charity and voluntary work/Healthy and unhealthy living • The environment/poverty/homelessness • Holidays and travel • School • Jobs • Future plans
What form will the mock exam take?	Spanish GCSE past questions on Theme 1, 2 and 3 – Writing, Listening and Reading skills. GCSE Themes 1 and 2 for speaking. Please note due to speaking exams requiring one to one time, students will complete the speaking exams the week commencing 25th November. Students will be told the specific times and dates of their speaking exam in lesson time.	
What materials have been provided to assist students' preparations?	Students will have 2 revision lessons before the exam detailing what to revise and how to best do this. They will also have exemplar questions for practise. All revision material needed is in student exercise books. This also provides a range of practise materials on Theme 1 and 2 in all skills. The speaking exams require the students to have learnt their own answers to the Theme 1 and 2 questions. The photo cards will also be focussing on Theme 1 and 2	
How could students be supported in their preparations at home?	Time and space for revision. Access to the internet for Kerboodle revision. Parents could encourage students to revise their Theme 1 and 2 answers. Testing students on these answers could also help students to memorise their answers. Please be aware that students need to revise all work from Y9 and Year 10.	

Computing	
What topics and learning will the mock exams cover?	All content from the entire course
What form will the mock exam take?	2 papers, 90mins each. Each paper is worth 80 marks
What materials have been provided to assist students' preparations?	Remember to use your issues revision flash cards and make use of the blue revision guide. Ensure that all revision involves elements of questioning and marking. We have revised most of unit 1 but there are clear areas of unit 2 that will not have been revised so consider this when you revise.
How could students be supported in their preparations at home?	Use the issued revision flash cards which have questions on one side and the answers on the other. Encourage them to redo old micro tests to maximise their retention of important theory.

Child Development		
What topics and learning will the mock exams cover?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roles & responsibilities of parenthood • Birth • The new born baby • Premature babies • Conditions for development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting positive behaviour • Diet related illness • Creating a safe home environment • Safety labelling • Common childhood accidents
What form will the mock exam take?	1 paper 1 hour 15 minutes long 80 marks A mixture of short and long answer questions that require the skills of analysis and evaluation in particular contexts.	
What materials have been provided to assist students' preparations?	All information that is needed in order to revise for the exam is in the Yellow CD workbooks that the students will take home to revise from. Practice questions will be given in lesson.	
How could students be supported in their preparations at home?	Search BBC Bitesize for the topics above. They are located in various sections such as Science, DT and PSHE. Ask someone to test you on key terms and definition. Practice long answer questions using past papers.	

Design and Technology		
What topics and learning will the mock exams cover?	Section A – Core technical principles (20 marks) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • new and emerging technologies • energy generation and storage • developments in new materials • systems approach to designing • mechanical devices • materials and their working properties Section B – Specialist technical principles (30 marks) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • selection of materials or components • forces and stresses • ecological and social footprint • sources and origins • using and working with materials • stock forms, types and sizes • scales of production 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • specialist techniques and processes • surface treatments and finishes. Section C – Designing and making principles (50 marks) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • investigation, primary and secondary data • environmental, social and economic challenge • the work of others • design strategies • communication of design ideas • prototype development • selection of materials and components • tolerances • material management • specialist tools and equipment • specialist techniques and processes.
What form will the mock exam take?	1 paper 2 hours long 100 marks A mixture of short and long answer questions that require the skills of analysis and evaluation in particular contexts.	
What materials have been provided to assist students' preparations?	All students have received a Revision Guide and support booklets to aid them in their revision. They will continue to receive additional revision material such as practice questions in lesson.	
How could students be supported in their preparations at home?	Look at BBC Bitesize (www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zby2bdm) Ask someone to test you on key terms and definition. Practice long answer questions using past papers.	

Hospitality and Catering		
What topics and learning will the mock exams cover?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Structure of the hospitality and catering industry • Job requirements within the hospitality and catering industry • Working conditions of different job roles • Factors affecting the success of hospitality and catering • The operation of the kitchen and front of house • How customer requirements are met • Personal safety responsibilities in the workplace 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risks to personal safety and control measures • Food related causes of ill health • Role and responsibilities of the Environmental Health Officer • Food safety legislation • Common types of food poisoning and their symptoms • Be able to propose a hospitality and catering provision to meet specific requirements • Review and options for hospitality and catering provision
What form will the mock exam take?	1 paper 1 hour 30 minutes long 90 marks A mixture of short and long answer questions that require the skills of analysis and evaluation in particular contexts.	
What materials have been provided to assist students' preparations?	All information that is needed in order to revise for the exam is in the Red H&C workbooks that the students have already taken home to revise from. Practice questions will be given in lesson.	
How could students be supported in their preparations at home?	Search BBC Bitesize for the topics above (https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zbtvxy). Ask someone to test you on key terms and definition. Practice long answer questions using past papers.	

L2 Cambridge National PE	
What topics and learning will the mock exams cover?	The mock exam will cover all 4 learning outcomes that will be assessed in the formal external exam in January 2020. LO1: User Groups & Barriers / Factors Affecting Popularity of Sports LO2: Values of Sport & The Olympic Movement LO3: Major Sports Events LO4: National Governing Bodies and their roles.
What form will the mock exam take?	The assessment is in a single 1 hour exam. Questions range from multiple choice 1 mark questions, through to shorter written answers worth between 2 and 6 marks and a final long answer question worth 8 marks.
What materials have been provided to assist students' preparations?	Students have been working through the exam content in lessons since September. They will also be issued with knowledge organisers and revision sheets for the 4 learning outcomes they will be questioned on.
How could students be supported in their preparations at home?	Parents could interact with their child using the knowledge organiser and revision sheets. We have given focus in lessons to learning outcome 1 and 2 in particular so recapping this would be useful as it is a large component of previous formal exam papers.

If you have any questions or queries or would like some additional information about the above please let me know.

Yours faithfully

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