



29th September 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 Mock Exam series 1 – Monday 11th October to Friday 22nd October 2021

During the weeks commencing 11th and 18th October, Year 11 students will be sitting a programme of mock GCSE exams for English, Maths, Science and their option subjects. These mock exams will inform the first round of monitoring. Students will sit these in the sports hall and all usual exam standards will apply, which include no electronic devices and a prompt arrival for exam start time. Where students receive access arrangements, e.g. extra time, this will also be facilitated.

Students will be made aware of the timetable of mock exams in advance; the timetable will also be posted on the school website

(https://www.garibaldischool.co.uk/data/uploads/web/files/Timetable_Y11_Mock_Exams_Oct_2021.pdf)

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. This includes during the morning intervention sessions on a Wednesday and Thursday and the after-school enrichment sessions. Included overleaf is a summary of the assessments for the Core, EBacc and option subjects along with how students can best prepare for these.

If you have any questions or queries or would like some additional information about the above please contact Mr Dawson or Mr West.

Yours faithfully,

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English Language	
What topics and learning will the mock exams cover?	English Language Paper 1 – Creative Reading and Writing
What form will the mock exam take?	Full 1 hour 45 minute paper - Questions 1-4 assessing reading skills and Question 5 assessing creative writing skills
What materials have been provided to assist students' preparations?	Students will go through the format and style of the exam in class. Students can look at and complete past papers on the AQA website: https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-language-8700/assessment-resources?f.Resource+type%7C6=Assessment+materials Students can use their exercise books with marked answers in and they will be provided with a Knowledge Organiser for vital exam information
How could students be supported in their preparations at home?	They can also access GCSE Pod for step-by-step answer commentaries: https://members.gcsepod.com/shared/podcasts/title/13449/80831

English Literature	
What topics and learning will the mock exams cover?	Paper 1 Section A: Romeo and Juliet
What form will the mock exam take?	Romeo and Juliet Acts 1-3 – theme question - 1 hour essay based on an extract
What materials have been provided to assist students' preparations?	Students will make flashcards for key quotations in class and will be provided with a Knowledge Organiser for key content to revise. They should revise key context, key themes e.g. love, death, fate, consequence.
How could students be supported in their preparations at home?	Students can use GCSE Pod to recap the Acts and look in detail at the key themes so far: https://members.gcsepod.com/shared/podcasts/title/13399/80446

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 hour 30 minutes 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. All students will sit 1 paper for each.
What form will the mock exam take?	3 papers (combined 75 minutes; Triple 105 minutes) A mixture of tick box, short answer 1/2 mark questions and longer answer 3/4 mark questions with at least one extended 6 mark question.
What materials have been provided to assist students' preparations?	Every teacher will provide their class with a detailed breakdown of topics and a list of activities to prepare for each revision lesson.
How could students be supported in their preparations at home?	Resources will be shared on Teams and most activities are directly linked to GCSE pod.

History	
What topics and learning will the mock exams cover?	Norman England and Health and the People c1000-present day
What form will the mock exam take?	1x 2 hour exam paper
What materials have been provided to assist students' preparations?	Students can use the notes from their exercise books/work booklets including the feedback from exam answers completed previously. They can use GCSEpod (especially the links sent out on the half-term overview) as it has excellent videos for both topics they are sitting. They can use the CGP revision guides if previously purchased from school.
How could students be supported in their preparations at home?	Students will be provided with RAG sheets for the Medicine and Normans course, which detail what they need to revise and how confident they are in each area. Encourage them to revise the areas in red they feel least confident with.

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=&hvqamt=&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 – especially Rivers and Coasts.

Spanish			
What topics and learning will the mock exams cover?	<p>Theme 1: Identity and Culture</p> <p>1.1: Me, my family and friends</p> <p>1.2: Technology in everyday life</p> <p>1.3: Free-time activities</p> <p>1.4: Customs and festivals in Spanish-speaking countries/communities</p>	<p>Theme 2: Local, national, international and global areas of interest</p> <p>2.1: Home, town, neighbourhood and region</p> <p>2.4: Travel and tourism</p>	<p>Theme 3: Current and future study and employment</p> <p>3.1: My studies</p> <p>3.2: Life at school/college</p> <p>3.3: Education post-16</p>
What form will the mock exam take? (Please note the differences for Higher and Foundation tiers)	<p>Paper 1: Listening (25% of total mark)</p> <p>Foundation: 40 marks; 35 minutes</p> <p>Higher: 50 marks; 45 minutes</p> <p>Section A: Questions and answers in English</p> <p>Section B: Questions and answers in Spanish</p>	<p>Paper 2: Speaking (25% of total mark)</p> <p>Foundation: 60 marks; 7-9 minutes (+12 minutes preparation time)</p> <p>Higher: 60 marks; 45 minutes (+12 minutes preparation time)</p> <p>Section A: Role Play</p> <p>Section B: Photo Card</p> <p>Section C: General Conversation</p>	
	<p>Paper 3: Reading (25% of total mark)</p> <p>Foundation: 60 marks; 45 minutes</p> <p>Higher: 60 marks; 60 minutes</p> <p>Section A: Questions and answers in English</p> <p>Section B: Questions and answers in Spanish</p> <p>Section C: Translation into English</p>	<p>Paper 4: Writing (25% of total mark)</p> <p>Foundation: 50 marks; 60 minutes</p> <p>Q1: 4 sentences to describe a photo</p> <p>Q2: 40-word answer</p> <p>Q3: Translation of short sentences into Spanish</p> <p>Q4: 90-word answer</p> <p>Higher: 60 marks; 75 minutes</p> <p>Q1: 90-word answer</p> <p>Q2: 150-word answer</p> <p>Q3: Translation of a paragraph into Spanish</p>	
What materials have been provided to assist students' preparations?	<p>General Conversation questions for speaking exam</p> <p>'Super Structures' booklet for speaking/writing exam</p> <p>GCSE Spanish Knowledge Organiser for vocabulary practice</p> <p>All GCSE vocabulary on Quizlet</p> <p>Topic and grammar pods on GCSEPod</p>		
How could students be supported in their preparations at home?	<p>Quizzing and self-quizzing using the materials provided.</p> <p>A quiet place to study</p> <p>Access internet, laptop/phone/tablet for online practice.</p>		

Computer Science	
What topics and learning will the mock exams cover?	All Unit 1 content
What form will the mock exam take?	Unit 1 Paper (90 mins – 80 marks)
What materials have been provided to assist students' preparations?	Revision materials via MS Teams – including past paper questions, slides and other documentation. Use of RAG map to identify weaknesses so they can be addressed. Specific links to key revision pods.
How could students be supported in their preparations at home?	Encourage students to revise via GCSE Pod – watching relevant pods on Unit 1 materials. Hard copies of CGP revision book can be borrowed from IT and these can be used at home as well.

Design and Technology	
What topics and learning will the mock exams cover?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mechanisms; Gears, linkages, and the different motions. • Textiles; sustainable materials • Surface treatments applied to materials e.g. metal, woods, plastics (provide examples and why this is done) • Injection moulding, wood turning, die cutting of card; how does this work? • Why might different materials be modified to improve their properties e.g. wood, metal, polymers. • Different production aids; how and why might they be used in manufacturing. • Choose a designer and a product they have designed research into them; look at their inspiration, materials they use and the technology they use.
	<p>Have an understanding of each of these key words, what they mean and what are they about; A co-operative, Crowd funding, Fair trade, Virtual market. Portable energy storage system Planned obsolescence Programmable microcontrollers The 6 R's of sustainability Aesthetics Ergonomics, Anthropometrics</p> <p>The maths element—you may want to familiarise yourself with; Calculating percentage loss/gain e.g. what is 2.3 as a percentage of 15... Simple trigonometry; SOHCAHTOA (though often you will be able to draw this out accurately)</p>
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, and a revision schedule
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. Make use of GCSE pod, particularly linking to the key areas identified on the revision schedule.

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/zbtvxyc). 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 2022. 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 revisions 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.

Business Studies	
What topics and learning will the mock exams cover?	LO1 through to LO6
What form will the mock exam take?	The assessment will consist of a full paper – combined questions total of 67 marks.
What materials have been provided to assist students' preparations?	Information will be available on Teams. Students will recap the topics in lessons and will have a chance to ask questions and do follow-up tasks.
How could students be supported in their preparations at home?	A Link to relevant GCSE Pods and Topic areas for revision will be put on teams next week. Students will be given time to do revise for these in advance of the assessment date. This is for OCR Cambridge National Enterprise and Marketing Course J819.

Child Development		
What topics and learning will the mock exams cover?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roles & responsibilities of parenthood • Birth and labour • Preconceptual health • Contraception • Conditions for development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pregnancy • Health Professionals • Creating a safe environment • The new born baby • 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.	