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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 Mock Exam series 2 – Monday 3rd February to Thursday 13th February 2020

During the weeks commencing 3rd and 10th of February, 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 third 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:

http://www.garibaldischool.co.uk/data/letters/files/Timetable_Y11-13_Mock_Exams_Feb_2020_websi.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; 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?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- English Language Paper 1 – unseen fiction extract- English Literature Paper 2 – ‘An Inspector Calls’ / Anthology poetry / unseen poetry
What form will the mock exam take?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- English Language Paper 1 – 1 hour 45 minutes- English Literature Paper 2 – 2 hours 15 minutes
What materials have been provided to assist students’ preparations?	The students have a wide range of model answers and revision flash cards. They will have a model answer to English Language Q5. For Literature they know which characters in the play and which poems they need to revise.
How could students be supported in their preparations at home?	They need to be able to write quotations and part of the model answers from memory. They could be tested on these at home.

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?	Class teachers have been plugging gaps in knowledge from the last mock (November) using the QLA document to ensure students know these topics for this mock. After-school provision has been provided also to cover ‘common topics’. Some students have been given additional revision resources to help them prepare better for this mock.
How could students be supported in their preparations at home?	Please encourage your child to do some independent revision at home, using ‘Seneca’, ‘BBC Bitesize’, a revision guide or their work book. At least 20 minutes per night would be advisable. Students may want to produce a ‘Revision Timetable’ (all students have been provided with one of these during mentor time).

Science	
What topics and learning will the mock exams cover?	Biology, Chemistry and Physics paper 2 topics. This is the last 4/5 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 1/2 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?	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 are a sample of paper 2s similar to the mocks.

History	
What topics and learning will the mock exams cover?	Health and the people, Norman England, Weimar and Nazi Germany, The start of the Cold War (upto Comecon and Cominform)
What form will the mock exam take?	There are two papers which are two hours each. The paper on Germany and the Cold War will be sat in the first week and the Medicine and Norman paper will be sat in the second week.
What materials have been provided to assist students' preparations?	Students have been given all their exercise books back to revise from which should cover all four topics. If they bought revision guides earlier in the year they should use this and have a look at any practise questions they contain. If they do not have those revision guides BBC Bitesize https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zj26n39 online is a really good resource which covers all four topics. Students have also previously been given revision maps and cards to supplement the work in their books. Revision session continue to run on a Friday and students are able to take away these resources.
276How could students be supported in their preparations at home?	Encourage students to use revision websites/guides, complete revision homework which is set. Create revision cards with them or test them if they have made them themselves.

Geography	
What topics and learning will the mock exams cover?	Paper 1. Living with the Physical Environment Paper 2. Challenges of the Human Environment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Both papers have now been fully taught and therefore these are full mock papers.
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 have been sent home with students and they were provided with a summer homework to complete revision notes based on 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&hvrnd=1545410946582541551&hvpone=&hvptwo=&hvgmt=&hvdev=c&hvdvcmdl=&hvlocint=&hvlocphy=&hvtargid=pla-415302621776&psc=1&th=1&psc=1 The Geography department has also sent home the Geography Revision Timetable. This should be used to do bite size chunks of revision on a daily basis and all the topics are set out in calendar form.
How could students be supported in their preparations at home?	Students should focus on revising case studies and key areas of weakness. Frequent testing on these would be useful.

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?	<p>Spanish GCSE past questions on Theme 1, 2 and 3 –Writing, Listening and Reading skills.</p> <p>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 27th January. Students will be told the specific times and dates of their speaking exam in lesson time.</p>	
What materials have been provided to assist students' preparations?	<p>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, 2 and 3 in all skills.</p> <p>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 focusing on Theme 1, 2 and 3.</p>	
How could students be supported in their preparations at home?	<p>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, Y10 and Year 11.</p>	

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 issued revision flash cards and make use of the blue revision guide. Ensure that all revision involves elements of questioning and marking. We have revised all 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.

Design and Technology	
What topics and learning will the mock exams cover?	The mock exam will cover a wide range of topics from graphics, resistant materials, engineering, and with a small amount of electronics in this case. It will also make reference to the social and environmental impacts of design considering the use of renewable energy.
What form will the mock exam take?	A 2hr written paper, broken up into three sections; A – multiple choice (20marks), B – short/extended answers questions (30marks), C – Drawing/extended answers/maths (50marks). Students are advised to answer sections C B A in this order.
What materials have been provided to assist students' preparations?	Students will be provided with a revision schedule which will line up with the revision books that they have all been given in addition to the use of their workbooks and sample revision cards made up of mini tests.
How could students be supported in their preparations at home?	Students have been prompted to use Gojimo revision app to regularly test their knowledge and understanding at home, in addition to other bitesize websites that can be used in conjunction with the above revision guide provided by the department.

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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