



17th January 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 Mock Exam series 2 – Monday 31st January to Friday 11th February 2022

During the weeks commencing 31st January and 7th February, Year 11 students will be sitting their second programme of mock GCSE exams for English, Maths, Science and their option subjects. These mock exams will inform the second 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 [here](https://www.garibaldischool.co.uk/page.php?p=exams) (<https://www.garibaldischool.co.uk/page.php?p=exams>) and displayed in communal spaces around the school site include dining spaces.

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 2 – Non-fiction writing
What form will the mock exam take?	Full 1 hour 45 minute paper - Questions 1-4 assessing reading and writing skills and Question 5 assessing writing skills (To argue or persuade etc)
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?	'An Inspector Calls' by J B Priestley / Anthology poetry – Love and Relationships
What form will the mock exam take?	1 hour 45 minutes - One question on 'An Inspector Calls' and one question on comparing 2 poems from the Anthology
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.
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, 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. The exams will cover paper 2 topics only: Biology – Units B5,6 and 7 Chemistry – Units C6,7,8,9 and 10 Physics – Units P5,6 and 7 (+P8 for separate sciences)
What form will the mock exam take?	3 papers (combined 75 minutes; Triple 105 minutes) A mixture of tick box, short answer (1 and 2 marks) questions, longer answer questions (3 and 4 marks) 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 an assortment of activities to support independent revision.
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. All students will have a list of key core questions that cover the content that needs to be memorised. It would be enormously helpful if they could be quizzed on these at home.

History	
What topics and learning will the mock exams cover?	Conflict and Tension – covering the period 1945-1950 – Paper 1 Norman England and Health and the People c1000-present day – Paper 2
What form will the mock exam take?	3 X 1 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 as it has excellent videos for all topics they are sitting. They can use the CGP revision guides if previously purchased from school. They know their site study is on Castle Acre Priory and that there will be an essay question on it worth 16 marks. This is very much worth revising using their work booklet.
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)
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. This can be found via this link
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?	Theme 1: Identity and Culture 1.1: Me, my family and friends 1.2: Technology in everyday life 1.3: Free-time activities 1.4: Customs and festivals in Spanish-speaking countries/communities	Theme 2: Local, national, international and global areas of interest 2.1: Home, town, neighbourhood and region 2.4: Travel and tourism	Theme 3: Current and future study and employment 3.1: My studies 3.2: Life at school/college 3.3: Education post-16 3.4: Jobs, career choices and ambitions
What form will the mock exam take? (Please note the differences for Higher and Foundation tiers)	Paper 1: Listening (25% of total mark) Foundation: 40 marks; 35 minutes Higher: 50 marks; 45 minutes Section A: Questions and answers in English Section B: Questions and answers in Spanish	Paper 3: Reading (25% of total mark) Foundation: 60 marks; 45 minutes Higher: 60 marks; 60 minutes Section A: Questions and answers in English Section B: Questions and answers in Spanish Section C: Translation into English	Paper 4: Writing (25% of total mark) <u>Foundation: 50 marks; 65 minutes</u> Q1: 4 sentences to describe a photo Q2: 40-word answer Q3: Translation of short sentences into Spanish Q4: 90-word answer <u>Higher: 60 marks; 80 minutes</u> Q1: 90-word answer Q2: 150-word answer Q3: Translation of a paragraph into Spanish
What materials have been provided to assist students' preparations?	'Super Structures' booklet for writing exam GCSE Spanish Knowledge Organiser for vocabulary practice All GCSE vocabulary on Quizlet BBC Bitesize Topic and grammar pods on GCSEPod Revision programme on MS Teams includes links to websites for every topic.		
How could students be supported in their preparations at home?	Quizzing and self-quizzing using the materials provided. A quiet place to study Access internet, laptop/phone/tablet for online practice.		

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) Unit 2 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"> • 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. • Research; understanding Primary/Secondary research and analysing research data tables. • Two Point Perspective Drawing techniques. • Tolerances and working out upper and lower limits. • Wood turning process 	<p>Have an understanding of each of these key words, what they mean and what are they about; Innovation, Tension, Compression, Torsion, Shear, bending, Nesting 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...</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 supporting power point to aid them in their revision for this particular mock exam. They will continue to receive additional revision material such as practice questions in lesson, and a revision schedule indicated above.	
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.	