

29th September 2020



Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to make you aware that Year 11 students will be sitting their first round of mock examinations immediately after October half term, from the **week commencing 2nd November 2020**. Unlike previous academic years the first round of mock examinations will take place in classrooms, during lesson time, to minimise disruption to the curriculum and to facilitate our Health and Safety procedures introduced this year. These mocks will, for the majority of subjects, focus on Year 10 content, as last year we were unable to assess knowledge and understanding of the Year 10 curriculum as effectively as in previous years.

As you will be aware, due to the outbreak of Covid-19 last academic year the Summer examinations in 2020 were cancelled at relatively short notice and schools were required to submit Centre Assessed Grades (CAGs) for Year 11 students. It is highly unlikely that this will occur again, but in the event that this does happen again, subjects will use students' mock grades (alongside other information) to help them to generate individual CAGs.

We are still awaiting guidance from Ofqual in relation to any possible changes that may occur to the Summer 2021 examinations series. To date some subjects have had amendments made to their specification by examination boards to reflect the reduced contact time teachers have had with their classes, but no details have been released about examination dates.

We hope Year 11 will treat these mock examinations with the importance they deserve. They serve as an important barometer to student progress and understanding and help teachers arrive at decisions on tier entries where appropriate.

Yours sincerely

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