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Dear Parents and Carers,

As your child approaches their first round of Year 11 mock examinations in this crucial school year, we are keen to ensure that pupils feel well-prepared and confident. These assessments are a vital stepping stone towards their final examinations: they will give pupils a further realistic experience of exam conditions, with the opportunity to complete full papers to highlight their strengths and areas for development. Furthermore, these mock exams will provide teachers with an accurate picture of a pupil's current levels, allowing time for us to use this evidence to guide further learning and put in place targeted intervention where appropriate.

To help pupils prepare effectively, please find below a suggested study timetable for Year 11. This will provide a clear routine in the weeks ahead, with four focused study slots of 30 minutes each evening (Monday to Friday). This amounts to approximately two hours of study per weekday, with weekends left free for rest and relaxation, family time and optional independent revision. This approach is backed by academic research which shows that home study and revision completed at regular intervals, rather than all crammed in before exams, tends to be more effective, especially when spaced over time. This "little and often" approach helps pupils with retention of key knowledge to give them more confidence to approach exams.

The suggested study timetable is as follows:

Day	Study 1 (30 minutes)	Study 2 (30 minutes)	Study 3 (30 minutes)	Study 4 (30 minutes)
Monday	English	Maths	Option 1	Free choice
Tuesday	Science	French/Spanish	Maths	Free choice
Wednesday	History/Geography	Option 2	English	Science
Thursday	Maths	English	History/Geography	Option2
Friday	French/Spanish	Option 1	Science	Free choice

We know that building consistent study habits at this stage can make a significant difference to students' performance and confidence. Whilst we will continue to provide quiet spaces for pupils after school for homework, research has found that the availability of a quiet space at home, access to resources, parental support or supervision, and the absence of distractions play a role in how well home study works. With your encouragement, our pupils can establish a routine and develop the discipline to use their study time productively. We hope that by balancing revision, homework tasks, and exam practice alongside their usual hobbies and interests, pupils will gain the knowledge, confidence and self-belief that will need to set them up for success next summer.

We would be grateful if you could support your child by:

- Providing a quiet, focused space for study.
- Encouraging them to stick to a revision timetable each evening, without distractions.
- Talking with them about what they have revised and celebrating their progress.

We would also like to share the timetable for the Autumn mock exams that will commence after the October half term break starting on Monday 9th November:

Week 1

Monday 9 November	Tuesday 10 November	Wednesday 11 November	Thursday 12 November	Friday 13 November
9.00am	9.00am	9.00am	9.00am	9.00am
AQA English Language Paper 1: Explorations in creative reading and writing 1hr 45	Edexcel Mathematics Paper 1: Non-calculator 1hr 30	AQA Combined Trilogy- Chemistry Paper 1 1hr 15 AQA Triple Chemistry Paper 1 1hr 45	AQA English Literature Paper 1: Macbeth and A Christmas Carol 1hr 45	Edexcel Mathematics Paper 2: Calculator 1hr 30
1.00pm	1.00pm	1.00pm	1.00pm	1.00pm
AQA Combined Trilogy- Biology Paper 1 1hr 15 AQA Triple Biology Paper 1 1hr 45	OCR History Migrants to Britain, c.1250 to present The Elizabethans, 1580–1603 1hr 45	Edexcel Spanish Paper 4: Writing F: 1hr 15 H: 1hr 20	AQA Geography Paper 1: Living with the physical environment 1hr 30	Edexcel French Paper 4: Writing F: 1hr 15 H: 1hr 20

Week 2

Monday 16 November	Tuesday 17 November	Wednesday 18 November	Thursday 19 November	Friday 20 November
9.00am	9.00am	9.00am	9.00am	9.00am
AQA Combined Trilogy- Physics Paper 1 1hr 15 AQA Triple Physics Paper 1 1hr 45	OCR History Paper 2: History Around Us (Kenilworth Castle) 1hr	AQA Psychology Paper 1: Memory, Development, Perception and Research Methods 1hr 45	AQA Geography Paper 3: Geographical applications (Fieldwork and Skills) 45 mins	Edexcel Business Studies Paper 1: Investigating Small Business 1hr 45 OCR Music Listening and appraising
1.00pm	1.00pm	1.00pm	1.00pm	1.00pm
Edexcel Computer Science Paper 1: Principals of Computer Science 1hr 30 AQA Sociology Paper 1: The Sociology of Families and Education 1hr 45	Edexcel French Paper 3: Reading & Understanding F: 45 mins H: 1hr	Edexcel Spanish Paper 3: Reading & Understanding F: 45 mins H: 1hr	Eduqas Food & Nutrition Principles of Food Preparation & Nutrition 1hr 45	AQA Physical Education Paper 1: The human body and movement 1hr 15

Week 3

Monday 23 November
9.00am
Edexcel French Paper 2: Listening F: 45 min
10.00am
Edexcel French Paper 2: Listening H: 1 hr
1.00pm
Edexcel Spanish Paper 2: Listening F: 45 min
2.00pm
Edexcel Spanish Paper 2: Listening H: 1hr

Year 11 pupils will be reminded about formal examination expectations and JCQ regulations before these examinations take place in an assembly. Please note that for any slots when pupils are not timetabled to be in an examination they should be in normal lessons.

Any adjustments that are required for individual pupils will be organised by Mr Merrick and Ms McHale, alongside the Inclusion team. Relevant pupils will be made aware of any access arrangements, and they will sit their assessments on the top floor of the STEM building.

Together, we can help Year 11 pupils approach their mock exams with confidence and establish the routines that will serve them well for all mock exams and the final examinations in the Summer of 2027.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



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