



29th September 2023

Year 11 Trial Examinations

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to provide you with further information about the trial examinations that Year 11 students are scheduled to sit this term. These exams will take place in two separate sessions as follows:

- **Monday 30th October to Friday 3rd November for core subjects (English, maths, science and PRE); and**
- **Monday 27th November to Friday 1st December for non-core subjects (all other GCSE subjects).**

The exam timetable for the first week's exams will be issued to Year 11 students in registration on Monday morning and a copy of the timetable accompanies this letter. The timetable for the second week of exams will be issued to students and sent to parents and carers later in the term.

The trial exams are an important opportunity for teachers to monitor students' progress towards their target grades. They will provide students and their parents and carers with a realistic assessment of the grades they are currently working at and identify areas in which students can improve in preparation for their final exams in the summer. For maths, science and languages, these exams will inform decisions about whether students will be entered for Higher or Foundation tier papers in the final GCSE exams. The trial exams also give students the experience of the exam procedures that will be in place for the final exams next summer. Exam regulations for students have been attached which detail the rules that all candidates must understand and follow. Students will receive a reminder of these rules during a form time ahead of their first trial exam to ensure they are familiar and clear with the expectations.

It is essential that students take these examinations seriously, prepare carefully for them using the guidance and revision resources provided by their teachers, and complete them to the best of their ability. Please support your child by encouraging them to get enough sleep, eat a proper breakfast and be fully equipped; and, at school, ready to enter the exam venue at their regular start time of 8.25am.

Exams will take place in the Sports Hall unless stated otherwise on the exam timetable. Some students who have been identified by the Learning Support Department will complete their exams in a separate venue and these students will be made aware of this ahead of their first exams. When students are not sitting an exam, they will attend their normal timetabled lessons.

Thank you very much for your continued support as we work together to help Year 11 reach their full potential in the summer GCSE examinations.

Kind regards,

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