

13th January 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 Trial Examination Fortnight

Our Year 11 students will be completing examinations across all subjects that they study from **Monday 23rd January – Friday 3rd February**. This is the second set of trial examinations that your child will be completing since the start of the academic year. Trial exams provide the school with a very accurate picture of where individual students are at in their journey towards achieving their potential. Examinations are an opportunity for students to revise and consolidate their knowledge, develop examination skills and experience exam conditions.

Attached to this letter is an outline of the examinations that will be taking place. You will notice that Maths will not be taking place during this examination period. Students will complete their Maths examinations in the week commencing **Monday 27th February**, more information regarding this will be sent out nearer the time.

Specific guidance on what and how they should revise in each subject will be delivered by their class teachers. Students need to ensure that they have all the relevant resources they need such as revision guides, exercise books and past examination questions to support them with their revision. In addition to the timetable, there is also a revision support document that outlines what your child needs to revise for each subject area they complete and where they can find the information. Students are also advised to use learning platforms such as Seneca Learning which can be used for a variety of subjects. This will be the last time students will practise in the hall before the real examinations in the summer. Revision for these will be a major part of getting ready for summer. Please encourage your child to liaise with their teacher if they are unsure of anything.

Students are expected to attend school every day as normal – they will either be in examinations or in normal lessons. Students must arrive on time and be ready to place their bag in the café and then enter the examination hall in silence. Please could you ensure your child is aware of which examinations they have and that they arrive to school promptly for these.

In addition to preparing for exams by completing revision, students need to make sure that they have all the necessary equipment for each examination. This includes the following: two black pens, pencil, ruler, calculator (for business/geography/maths/science and technology examinations), and a clear pencil case to house the above equipment.

Please note that possession of a mobile phone or other unauthorised equipment, such as Smart Watches, iPods, earphones etc., or any unauthorised written material in the examination venue is a serious breach of the examination regulations and will be reported to the examination boards. This could lead to future disqualification if students have these items in the examination hall in the summer series of GCSE examinations.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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