

Tuesday 12th October

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 Trial Examinations: Monday 1st November to Tuesday 9th November 2021.

After the October half term break, our Year 11 students will be undertaking trial examinations across all of their subjects. These will run from Monday 1st to Tuesday 9th November. These trial exams are an opportunity for students to revise and consolidate their knowledge, develop examination skills and experience examination conditions. They should be treated as a serious and important part of the build-up to the summer examinations.

Last year GCSEs were awarded using Centre Assessed Grades (CAGS), this year there are changes to some content that students will study within specific subject areas, but the plan is to go ahead and sit their GCSE examinations next Summer. Any changes that are relevant to your child and their studies will be communicated with you via our Heads of Department.

Attached to this letter is an exam timetable of the examinations that will be taking place after half term. 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. Students are also advised to use online learning resources such as MathsWatch and Seneca Learning. Please encourage your child to be planning their revision out over the coming weeks and during the half term break. Here are some links that suggest how you can support your child with their revision at home:

<https://www.parentkind.org.uk/Parents/Supporting-revision>

<https://tutorful.co.uk/guides/a-parent-s-guide-to-gcse/top-revision-advice-parents-need-around-exam-times>

Students will complete all examinations in the main hall. It is important that all students have their own equipment, they will require black pens, a calculator, pencils, a ruler and a rubber.

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

Yours sincerely



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