

October 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Mock Examinations – Year 11

I am writing to inform you of the forthcoming mock examinations for your Year 11 child. The main set of examinations will take place from **Monday 3 November to Friday 21 November**.

As I am sure you appreciate, the mocks are an important part of Year 11 as they will give an indication as to how well your child may do in the final GCSE examinations. In addition, teachers can use the results from these mocks to focus on key knowledge and skills leading into the summer examination season to make sure we support your child in their remaining time at The Hamble School. Please be aware that many colleges and further education institutions ask for predicted or estimated grades for application forms – Your son/ daughter may therefore need to use the grades from the Progress Report issued from the exams for this process.

Examination Timetable

Examination timetables have already been given to students, with an overview timetable enclosed with this letter. Your child is expected to attend school as normal during the examination period and their subject teachers will arrange for them to go to their examinations at the appropriate times.

There are some instances where examinations will start during tutor time, lead into break and/or lunchtime and, in some instances, extend beyond the end of the timetabled school day. All students will be required to remain in school for the timetabled examinations.

Where the examination extends beyond the end of the school day, please ensure that there is a plan in place for your child to get home after the examination. Students will not be released from the examinations early and therefore, if they rely on public transport, alternative arrangements will need to be made.

Equipment

All students should bring suitable equipment to each examination – spare pens (black), pencil, ruler, eraser, appropriate maths equipment and scientific calculator (if allowed). Bringing the correct equipment is the students' responsibility. All equipment will need to be stored in a clear pencil case (or plastic wallet) and students will need a clear drink bottle with water only.

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We will not be able to issue any equipment out to students during the examinations. All bags and mobile phones must be placed in the locked container before students go into the examinations and students must be in silence from the examination line-up until the end of the examination.

All students must be in the correct full school uniform for all examinations.

Intervention

After school intervention will be cancelled during the main mock examination period from Monday 10 November until Friday 21 November.

Study Leave

There is no study leave for students. If students are not attending examinations, they are expected to attend their normal timetabled lessons, where their subject teachers will welcome them. Staff are aware of when students have examinations and will plan accordingly.

Thank you in advance for your support with the forthcoming mock examinations. If you have any questions regarding the exam process or revision, please email general@thehambleschool.co.uk

Yours faithfully



Mrs S Valleley
Deputy Headteacher

If, at any time, you should require special arrangements to be made when visiting the school and/or in order to participate fully in supporting your child at school (e.g. an accessible venue for meetings, if you are a wheelchair user, assistance with translation of documents or enlarged copies of communications etc.), please do not hesitate to let us know.

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