

12 January 2024

Dear Parent/ Carer

Mock Examinations – Year 11

I am writing to inform you of the forthcoming mock examinations for your child. The examinations start week commencing **29 January 2024** with the main set of examinations taking place after half term – **Monday 19 February to 01 March 2024**.

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.

Examination Timetable

Examination timetables will be given to students, with an overview timetable published on the school website. There is also a 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 attend their examinations at the appropriate times.

There are some instances where examinations will start during tutor time, lead into break and/or lunchtime. As in the main GCSEs some examinations also 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.

Revision

Each subject will provide information on what to revise for each mock exam; this will be displayed on Class Charts. It is important that your child has a revision timetable in place to support their success. If your child needs support with this, please ask them to see Mrs Barkshire (Year 11 Progress Leader). During the week beginning 22nd January we will also 'showcase' effective revision strategies during tutor time and lessons. It is vital that students are using time at home to study.

At lunchtime the Progress Zone will be open for private revision and study – A member of staff will supervise this space and there will be equipment available.

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Equipment



**Artsmark
Gold Award**
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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.

We will not be able to issue any equipment out to students during the examinations. It is therefore important that your son/daughter should attend examinations with their equipment in a clear pencil case. All students must be in the correct full school uniform for all examinations.

Intervention

After school intervention will be cancelled during the mock examination period.

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, please contact Mrs Barkshire via 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.