

3rd November 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 Mock Examinations

I am writing to you about the two week mock examination period that will begin for Year 11 pupils on Monday 30th November and last until Friday 11th December inclusive. This is the normal time slot for these internal examinations and, as much as possible, we are keen to keep the normal rhythms of the school year in what has been challenging circumstances for all concerned.

You will be aware that the government has announced that, for this cohort of pupils, the final examinations will take place at the end of May and during June 2021. The reasoning behind this delay of the examinations is to ensure that the pupils have as much time as possible to catch up on the curriculum content they missed during national lockdown between March and July 2020. At the time of writing the expectation is that pupils will still sit their examinations although this may change according to national circumstances.

This means that practising examination technique becomes an important skill. Linked to this is the fact that this current Year 11, of which your child is a member, has never sat a formal assessment in realistic examination conditions. For Springfield this means mock examinations in the main Sports Hall and new Gym.

I will outline to Year 11, closer to the end of November, the protocols for examinations in the Sports Hall but it is worth parents and pupils bearing in mind the following:

- Pupils should line up on the tennis courts 10 minutes before the scheduled examination
- Pupils should bring their own pens, pencils, rulers and mathematical equipment in a transparent plastic case
- No equipment will be handed out to pupils who do not bring their own equipment
- Pupils should not share any of their equipment with other pupils prior or during the examinations
- Pupils should ensure that mobile phones are not taken into the Examination Hall
- Pupils can bring bottles of water but all labels must have been taken off before entering the Examination hall
- No food will be allowed in the Examination Hall

Please find attached a copy of the Mock Examination timetable which will also be in tutor bases for pupils to consult.

Many regards



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Deputy Headteacher

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