



Welcome to Year 11

GCSE Support & Information

November Mock Exams:

Monday 9th November 2020 – Friday 20th November 2020

Why do we undertake mock exams?

Mock exams are the key point in the journey to your exam success. These will allow you to:

- Begin your revision notes;
- Learn how to revise effectively in preparation for your final exams;
- Manage exam pressure in preparation for final exams;
- Formulate responses to exam questions under timed conditions;
- Learn from your mistakes in readiness for your final exams;
- Know where the gaps in your learning are, and give you and your teacher an indication of where you are in relation to your target grade;
- Progress in all of your subjects.

Progress is knowing more and remembering more

What can you do to prepare for mock exams?

1) Revise

Create a revision timetable which includes all of your subjects. Ensure that your revision timetable is achievable, and that you have planned in time to go back over your subjects after you have revised them once.

Revise everything that is on your revision checklists. Watch the YouTube clips, revise the pages in your revision guides and practice exam questions.

Make colourful revision resources for each of your subjects: flashcards, mindmaps, revision clocks, Cornell notes – whichever works for you! You will go over these in your tutor time revision sessions.

Go back over your revision resources several times– can you memorise these and re-write the information down on a piece of paper? Compare your memorised information to your original notes. Have you got all information correct? If not, go back and add in this extra information in a different colour. Keep doing this until you can remember everything.

Get someone to test you on your knowledge and ask questions from your revision notes.

Write responses to examination questions on past exam papers. Do this under timed conditions and keep practising your responses until you are satisfied with the outcome.

2) Balance your workload

If workload is overwhelming, talk to somebody: parent/carer, form tutor, Head of House, Inclusion team or charities that you can phone, text or email at any time. Everyone is here for you.



It's really important that you build time into your revision timetable to do things that you enjoy – taking part in your favourite hobby, spending time with family and friends, etc. Have a day off per week to enjoy these. However, don't let this consume your revision time! It is really important to look after yourself.

Top 10 Revision Tips

- 1) Plan your revision
- 2) Revise on a regular basis
- 3) Take regular breaks – it's proven that short breaks will help stimulate your memory.
- 4) Be flexible – if your revision timetable isn't working, start it again.
- 5) Let your parents/ carers help you – let them test you on your revision notes.
- 6) Ditch the distraction – leave your phone, iPad, or computer (if you don't need them for revision) in another room.
- 7) Listen to your teachers - make every minute in lessons count.
- 8) Ask for help if you need it – if you need more revision, if you're stuck on a particular topic, if your workload is overwhelming.
- 9) Reward yourself – if you've completed a long day of revision, treat yourself in the evening.
- 10) Look after yourself – get at least 8 hours of sleep every night, drink lots of water, eat healthily.