



Friday 18th October 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach our important November mock exam period, I am writing to share vital information with you about the mocks and how students should be preparing over the coming weeks.

Attached you will find a list of topics being covered in each subject. The topics will include both Year 10 and Year 11 content, so it is important that students check these lists carefully and ask their class teachers about anything they are not certain of. Students will be able to find a number of revision resources for each subject on the student intranet and on their class pages on Teams. These may well include links to online resources they can use independently, as well as past exam questions they should be practising as part of their preparation. I would strongly recommend that students check these locations this week, so if they are unsure where the resources for a subject are located, they have time to ask their class teacher directly before half term.

Last year, I hosted an online workshop detailing ways that parents can support students with revision. The workshop gave a number of practical strategies and tips around revision; it can be viewed here: [Key Stage 4 Revision Workshop \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...).

It is important that the November mocks replicate the experience of the real GCSEs as much as possible for our students, to enable them to get used to the ways exams work and what will be legally required of them in the summer. All exams will be conducted in full exam conditions and under the JCQ regulations. Please can I remind you that all necessary exam procedures are detailed on the JCQ website. Please can I reiterate that it is an expectation that candidates will have read and understood these important notices before commencement of the exam period. JCQ regulations now advise that students are aware, that any mock exam results may be used to determine end of course grades, should the need arise as part of JCQ resilience arrangements.

We are also very aware that the mock exams may prove to be a difficult and stressful time for students. Feeling nervous about exams is a natural part of the experience, however, if you or your child feel this is becoming unmanageable, or something beyond regular nerves, please do contact Mrs Phelps, Mr Aston or myself so we can put additional support in place. Students should endeavour to attend every one of the mocks, as attendance to the summer exams is not optional and we would like to send this message from this point. If a student is unable to attend, please contact the school as early as possible.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of two important events across the year. Firstly, we will be holding our 'You're Hired' event on Thursday 12th December, designed to give students a taste of professional interviews and employability skills. Further information about this was shared in a recent letter from Mrs Hannah Thompson, our Careers Leader. In addition, we are excited to share that the Year 11 Prom for this year will take place on Thursday 26th June. This event is a wonderful celebration of students' achievements, successes and values throughout their time with us. Attendance to the Prom requires student to have a year of good attendance, behaviour and engagement with learning. If these standards are not met, students may not be able to attend the Prom.

If you would like any further information about the upcoming mocks, or any other details covered in this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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Deputy Headteacher

Art GCSE

Paper	Topics	Resources
5 hour practical	Complete 5 hours of your chosen final outcome relating to Distortions and Reflections	All sketchbooks, planning, resources can be brought into the practical session

Business Studies GCSE

Paper	Topics	Resources
Paper 1 – 1 hour 45 minutes – 90 marks	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Entrepreneurship2. Chain of command3. Costs (total, fixed and variable)4. Recruitment processes5. Factors of production6. Financial and non-financial methods of motivation7. How businesses expand8. Job production9. Limited liability10. Procurement process11. Employment laws and examples12. Business objectives13. Business plans14. Flat organisational structure15. Adv and dis of zero hour contracts16. Sole trader17. Competition18. Staff motivation19. Supply chain management20. Customer loyalty	All resources are available on each group's individual Teams area. This paper is based on year 1 content.

Computer Science – OCR J277

Paper	Topics	Resources
	<ol style="list-style-type: none">2.1 Algorithms2.2 Programming fundamentals2.3 Producing robust programs2.4 Boolean logic2.5 Programming languages and Integrated Development Environments	Module folders – on Teams Personal notes Seneca (online Q&A) OCR GCSE Topic List CSNewbs Craig 'n' Dave videos on teams

Drama

Paper	Topic	Resources
Component 3 INTERPRETING THEATRE 1 hour 30 minutes	<p><u>An Inspector Calls.</u> Pupils will need to answer questions on:</p> <p>Performance skills – How would they perform a specific character within the play.</p> <p>Theatre Design – How would they create an original set, sound, costume or lighting design for a specific scene.</p> <p>Character – Motivation, social status, emotions</p> <p><u>Live Theatre Production</u> 2 questions which focus on analysing and evaluating Blood Brothers.</p>	Exam walkthrough Exam booklet on TEAMS

English

Paper	Topics	Resources
Language Paper 1 - 1 hr 45mins	<p>Q1 – List four things</p> <p>Q2 – How does the writer use Language TAL paragraphs X3</p> <p>Q3 – How has the writer structured SAL paragraphs X3</p> <p>Q4 – Evaluation and opinion EEAL paragraphs X4</p> <p>Q5 – Creative writing based on an image (Description: Drop, Shift, Zoom, Link) or prompt (Narrative: Where, Who, What, But?)</p>	<p>English Resource Page accessed via Student Intranet: English Resource (sharepoint.com)</p> <p>Here can be found: Past Practice Papers, instructions for each question (Qs 1-4) and model answers for Question 5 as well as instructions on how best to approach questions.</p>
Literature Paper 1 - 1 hr 45mins	<p>Q1 – Macbeth</p> <p>Q2 – A Christmas Carol</p> <p>Both PEALALAL Response Essays using an extract</p>	<p>Recommended guides:</p> <p>Macbeth: GCSE English Literature Revise Macbeth Model Answers and Practice: from GCSEEnglish.uk (Grade 9 GCSE English Model Answers): Amazon.co.uk: Mooney, Edward: 9798768277819: Books</p> <p>A Christmas Carol: GCSE English Literature Revise A Christmas Carol Model Answers and Practice: the best way to prepare for your AQA GCSE English Literature A Christmas ... 3 (Grade 9 GCSE English Model Answers): Amazon.co.uk: Mooney, Edward: 9798328832960: Books</p>

French

Paper	Topics	Resources
Reading Listening Writing	Family and Friends Festivals and holidays Where I live and the environment Technology and social issues My studies and life at school Education post 16 and future careers	Kerboodle text book Class books Memrise Seneca Conjugueamos

Geography

Paper	Topics	Resources
2 x 1 hr 30 papers	Tectonics Weather Hazards Rivers Coasts Urban Issues and Challenges The changing economic world Geographical Skills	Textbook available via kerboodle GCSE Geography - AQA - BBC Bitesize Class books

Graphics GCSE

Paper	Topics	Resources
5 hour practical	Complete 5 hours of your chosen final outcome relating to Connections	All planning, resources can be brought into the practical session Work may be done digitally or physically or both.

History

Paper	Topics	Resources
Paper 1 – Germany and Conflict and Tension 84 marks 2 hours	Germany <ul style="list-style-type: none">Workers and economy under the NazisThe impact of the Great DepressionHitler becoming dictatorEarly difficulties for Weimar Germany – 1919-23 Conflict and Tension <ul style="list-style-type: none">Treaty of VersaillesOpinions on the Treaty of VersaillesLeague of NationsEvents in the 1920s – successes and failures	Revision Guides on TEAMS/EDULINK History department youtube channel Quizzes and resources on TEAMS

Paper 2- Medicine and Normans 84 marks 2 hours	Normans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Norman Legal System • Norman Towns • The Church • Changes that the Normans brought e.g. castle building Medicine <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cholera • Medieval doctors and treatments • Edward Jenner and Robert Kock • What factors led to medicine improving over the whole time span – medieval to modern 	
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Maths

Paper	Topics	Resources
Paper 1 – Non calculator 90 mins 80 marks Paper 2 – Calculator 90 mins 80 marks Paper 3 – Calculator 90 mins 80 marks	Full GCSE content Foundation topic/checklist - GCSE Maths Revision Checklist Foundation (pearson.com) Higher topic/checklist - GCSE Maths Revision Checklist Higher (pearson.com)	Sparx - Cox Green School (sparxmaths.uk) Maths Genie • Learn GCSE Maths for Free Corbettmaths – Videos, worksheets, 5-a-day and much more HEGARTYMATHS - YouTube

Media Studies

Paper	Topics	Resources
Component 1 Component 2	This Girl Can = media language The Man with the Golden Gun = context and representation comparison No Time to Die= Film Industry Fortnite = audiences Luther and The Sweeney Media language Audience Music Videos (TLC/Taylor Swift/ Stormzy) Representation Industry (websites)	On teams there are past paper exemplars, practice questions, fact sheets, revision guides and tasks. Seneca Youtube- Mrs Fisher Media (Mrs Fisher - YouTube) GCSE Media revision (GCSE Media Revision - YouTube) Class notes

Music

Paper	Topics	Resources
Whole listening paper	Jazz and Blues Musical Theatre Film Music Popular Music (including 'Africa') Fusion Musical Forms and Devices (including 'Badinerie')	Some Zigzag resources and PowerPoints on Teams WJEC / Eduqas Music GCSE Revision Guide (Revised Edition) Focus on Sound lessons / quizzes Class notes / essay feedback. MADTSHIRT

Physical Education

Paper	Topics	Resources
Paper 1hr 15 mins	Bones Structure and function of skeleton Muscles and joints Pathway of air Gaseous exchange Blood Structure of the heart Cardiac output Spirometer trace Anaerobic and aerobic exercise Short and long term effects of exercise Movement analysis Planes and axes of movement Health and fitness Training programmes Effective warm up and cool down	Class notes Textbook Mindmap booklet Seneca Exam Questions on Teams

Psychology

Paper	Topics	Resources
Paper 1	Development Memory Psychological Problems Neuropsychology Social Influence Issues & Debates	Edexcel GCSE psychology Textbook, Class notes Website: https://tuxfordpsychology91.wordpress.com/welcome-to-gcse-psychology-9-1/

Religious Studies

Paper	Topics	Resources
Paper 1	Theme A Relationships Theme B Religion and Life Theme D Peace and Conflict Theme E Crime and Punishment	AQA GCSE Textbooks and Revision Guides Christianity and Islam AQA Website for syllabus and past papers, mark schemes Class notes Class resources on Teams

Science (Combined)

Paper	Topics	Resources
Biology Paper 1, 1 hour 15, (higher or foundation)	Cell structure and transport, Cell division, Organisation and the digestive system, Animal/plant organisation, Communicable disease, Preventing/treating disease, Non-communicable diseases, Photosynthesis, Respiration	For all: Checklists Seneca (online revision) Kerboodle (online textbook) Century tech (online revision) Revision guides (can be bought from the department)
Chemistry Paper 1, 1 hour 15, (higher or foundation)	Atomic structure and periodic table, Bonding and properties of matter, Quantitative chemistry, Chemical changes, Electrolysis, Energy changes, Rates of reaction	
Physics Paper 1, 1 hour 15, (higher or foundation)	Energy, Electricity, Particle model of matter, Atomic structure	

Science (Biology)

Paper	Topics	Resources
Biology Paper 1, 1 hour 45, (higher)	Cell structure and transport, Cell division, Organisation and the digestive system, Animal/plant organisation, Communicable disease, Preventing/treating disease, Non-communicable diseases, Photosynthesis, Respiration	Checklists Seneca (online revision) Kerboodle (online textbook) Century tech (online revision) Revision guides (can be bought from the department)

Science (Chemistry)

Paper	Topics	Resources
Chemistry Paper 1, 1 hour 45, (higher)	Atomic structure and periodic table, Bonding and properties of matter, Quantitative chemistry, Chemical changes, Electrolysis, Energy changes, Rates of reaction	Checklists Seneca (online revision) Kerboodle (online textbook) Century tech (online revision) Revision guides (can be bought from the department)

Science (Physics)

Paper	Topics	Resources
Physics Paper 1, 1 hour 45, (higher)	Energy, Electricity, Particle model of matter, Atomic structure	Checklists Seneca (online revision) Kerboodle (online textbook) Century tech (online revision) Revision guides (can be bought from the department)

Spanish

Paper	Topics	Resources
Reading Listening Writing	Family and Friends Festivals and holidays Where I live and the environment Technology and social issues My studies and life at school Education post 16 and future careers	Kerboodle text book Class books Memrise Seneca Conjugemos

Technology

Paper	Topics	Resources
Design and Technology (Unit 1) 2 hours	New and emerging technologies Energy generation Development in new materials Materials and their working properties – stock forms Design and making principles Ergonomics - anthropometrics	Exercise books Seneca (online revision) BBC bitesize AQA design and technology Power-points on resource drive Revision guides (as given)
Hospitality and Catering	<ol style="list-style-type: none">How do Hospitality and Catering providers operate?Different types of services	Class notes

	<ol style="list-style-type: none">3. Working in Hospitality and Catering4. Meeting customers' needs5. Front/back of the house and kitchen brigade6. Health and safety laws in Hospitality and Catering7. Food safety	Online revision materials
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