



22nd December 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Year 11 Mock Exams and Study Support

Well done to the Year 11 students on their excellent behaviour during the exams this term. They followed instructions well, and hopefully have found both the experience and the feedback useful in preparing for the main mock exams next half term.

Year 11 January Mocks

The mock examination timetable is included with this letter, showing exams taking place in the Sports Hall over this period.

Study Support

As part of our co-curricular timetable, we have several support/revision sessions running each week. More details can be found on our website:

<https://www.queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk/learning/clubs-and-co-curricular/>

Mrs Caton has put together a very useful Revision Master Class page on our school website, with short videos on several of the most effective revision techniques.

<https://www.queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk/useful-links/revision-master-class/>

We also have information on every subject (specification, topic lists and revision tips) in the Countdown to Success guide on our website: <https://www.queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk/key-information/countdown-to-success/>

Arrangements for Year 11 During the Mocks

- Breakfast will be available in the hall before form time each day.
- Each morning students will go to either the hall (if they have an exam at 9am) or their form room to register and then to the location shown on the timetable. For most exams this is the Main Hall
- Break and lunchtimes will be at the same time as usual.
- Where there are two exams in the same slot (for example triple and combined science exams) students sitting the shorter exam will stay in the sports hall, and will need to bring revision resources with them for remaining time.

For those students who are eligible for access arrangements, Mr Bembridge (SENCO) will contact them after the holidays to explain the arrangements and confirm the location for their exams (in the hall or an alternative location).

As for the core mocks this term, we will run this examination session following the rules that apply for external exams wherever possible, including:

- No mobile phones, iPods, MP3s, MP4s or watches are to be taken into any examination. All wrist wear, including watches, bracelets etc. should be removed and placed on the desk in clear view.
- No food, sweets or chewing gum allowed in any examination. Students may bring a drink (water only) in a clear plastic bottle with a screw top and label removed.
- Students must bring appropriate equipment with them to all examinations. This includes pens, pencils, eraser, ruler and calculator (if allowed). The equipment should be in a clear pencil case or a clear plastic bag. Please note that there are no calculators available to be handed out in the exam hall.

- Students should follow instructions from staff on where to line up, ready to go into the Sports Hall and find their designated seat.
- Students are not permitted to communicate with each other whilst in the Sports Hall during examination times.
- If students are not in a timetabled exam, they will be in lessons as normal.

We had quite a large number of students who did not have the necessary equipment in the recent exams. Please could Santa be asked to replenish pencil cases over the holidays. We do support students who may find this a challenge. Please contact the pastoral team if you need support with equipment.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

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Encl: mock examination timetable