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**Dear Parents and Carers** 

## Year 12 Spring Term Mock Exams 2024

Our Year 12 students have made a fantastic start to the new term, and we have been impressed with their positivity and focus in recent weeks. We would especially like to thank and congratulate our BTEC students who worked very hard to prepare for the exams and assessments that they have completed in January.

Our students will soon be halfway through their Year 12 studies and as a result, we have planned a series of mock exams to enable them to gain experience and to increase their confidence with the required structure, revision and timings of A-Level examinations. These mocks will take place between 26<sup>th</sup> February and 1<sup>st</sup> March and will include both A level and some BTEC exams.

#### **Exam Timetable**

I have attached a copy of the Year 12 mock timetable for your information. The students have also received a copy of this to help them to plan, revise and prepare over the next few weeks.

When reading the timetable, please note the following:

- In the exam week for their year group there will be no form time for Year 12 students.
- All Year 12 mock exams will take place at the Sixth Form Centre unless stated otherwise. Students should check the timetable to ensure they know where their exam is taking place.
- The timings of the day during this period may be slightly different to the usual timings. Students should make a note of these to avoid being late or missing any exams.
- Some students have clashes that we are aware of and have tried to resolve. However, students should double check their subjects and if they spot a problem, to email Mrs Allen directly asap via: allen@gegs.email
- NB: some exams rescheduled due to clashes will take place prior, and some after, the examination date.
- Those students relying on public transport will be able to stay in Sixth Form to study in the Common Room or Private Study area, however please let us know that this will be the case so that we can keep track of who is in the building.

### **Study Leave Arrangements**

- Study leave for Year 12 will be from 26<sup>th</sup> February-1<sup>St</sup> March (meaning that during that week they only need to come in on the days/times when they have an exam).
- Students studying a double or single BTEC, should confirm the study leave arrangements with their BTEC subject teachers.

Alternative arrangements for students studying triple BTEC are as follows:

They will be required to be in lessons as normal, unless they have an exam, in which case they may take study leave for the half day preceding the exam.

The afternoon of the day before a morning exam.

• The morning of an afternoon exam.

All study leave is a provisional offer and will be at the discretion of teachers e.g. they may ask students to stay in if they think working under supervision would be beneficial.

Parents/carers must give permission for students to remain at home for study leave. Please click on the link below to give permission for your child to be absent on study leave over the Year 12 exam period. If permission is not recorded students will be expected to be in school throughout the week and non-attendance will be followed up.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=PYCwG3TptkKUJQEK3Byuaqk5t3W7JwxEnAnmovHJ9s5UNkdPUTcyUEZSTEJJSlhLWkVLSERWWkpLSS4u

The normal timetable for Year 12 will resume on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March**, including form time.

#### **Examination Rules**

We will be applying the rules that apply for external exams, so students need to be aware of these and ensure they follow them:

- No mobile phones, iPods, MP3s, MP4s or Smartwatches 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). Please note students do need to bring their own calculator as we do not have any available to be handed out.
- Equipment should be in a clear pencil case or a clear plastic bag.
- Students should follow instructions from staff on where to line up, ready to go into the designated room and find their allocated seat.
- Students are not permitted to communicate with each other whilst in the examination room during examination times.

I would like to encourage all students to spend a proportion of their half term revising so they are as prepared as they can be.

There are a number of ways they can help themselves with this:

- Create a structured revision timetable
- Balance work time with relaxation time
- Use some of the techniques discussed in their Study Skills lessons
- Complete practice/past exam papers

We have been discussing all of these tips with students during form time over the past few weeks.

If you have any queries about any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact your son/daughter's form tutor for additional information.

Yours faithfully

Mrs L Allen

Assistant Headteacher - Head of Sixth Form

# **Year 12 Mock Exam Timetable**

Date	Period 1 09.00-10.15	Period 3 11.15-12.15	Lunch and Period 5 1.30-2.30pm
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Economics Paper 1 (1hr) - Common Room English Language (1hr 50mins) - Common Room	Religious Studies (1hr 30mins) - Common Room Computer Science (1hr 30mins) - Common Room Spanish (2hrs) Computer room - 918	Further Maths (1hr 30mins) – Common Room AS Further Maths – Common Room Geography Paper 1 (1hr) – Common Room (clash 27/2 P3)
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Psychology (1hr 30mins) - Common Room Physics (1hr 30mins) - Common Room	English Literature (1hr 40mins) - Common Room Geography clash (1hr) – Common room	Chemistry Paper 1 (1hr) - Common Room BTEC Applied Science (1hr 30mins) – Common Room
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Business Paper 1 (1hr) – Common Room Music (2hrs) – Common Room BTEC CDM Single (2hrs) – 502 (clash 1/3 P1) Sociology clash (1hr30) – Common Room	Biology (1hr 30mins) - Common Room History (1hr 30mins) – Common Room (clash 29/2 P1)	Economics Paper 2 (1hr) - Common Room
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> February	A-Level PE (2hrs) - Common Room History clash 1hr 30mins – Common Room	Sociology (1hr 30mins) – 902 (clash 28/2 P1) Maths (1hr 30mins) - Common Room	Geography Paper 2 (1hr) – Common Room
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Core Maths (1hr) - Common Room BTEC CDM Triple (2hrs) - 502 BTEC CDM Single clash (2hrs) 502 BTEC Art Single (2hrs) - 406 BTEC Art double (2hrs) - 406 Business Studies clash (1hr)- Common Room	Politics (2 hrs) - Common Room	Chemistry Paper 2 (1hr) – 902 Business Paper 2 (1hr) – Common Room (clash 1/3 P1)
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Art and Design A-Level (4hrs) - 408		
Clashes: More information to follow			