

19 October 2022

## Year 11 GCSE Trial Exams Newsletter 1

Dear Families

Please find below important information regarding the Year 11 Trial Examinations, which run from Monday 5 December to Friday 16 December 2022.

### Trial Exam period:

- The trial exam period runs from **Monday 5 December to Friday 16 December**. The expectation is that during these two weeks, students are expected to be in school all day, as normal (8.40am-3pm)
- Students should arrive at school in the morning for 8.40am. If they have a morning exam they are to go straight to the astro-turf to line up. If they don't have a morning exam, they are to go to tutor time and then to lessons as normal
- If students do not have an exam they will be in lessons. Students may therefore revise in these lessons and will need to bring their revision resources with them to the lesson
- Please find below a timetable for how a typical student's day should look during the trial exam period:

Time	Activity
8.40-9.00am	Morning Exam / Tutor Time
9.00-10.00am	Morning Exam / Period 1
10.00-11.00am	Morning Exam / Period 2
11.00-11.20am	Morning Exam / Break
11.20am-12.15pm	Period 3
12.15-12.50pm	Lunch
12.50pm	Afternoon Exam / Period 4
1.15pm	Afternoon Exam / Extended Lunch
1.50pm	Afternoon Exam / Period 5



If students finish their afternoon exam before 3pm, they will be dismissed from school early. Some exams will finish after 3pm and therefore students will be dismissed later than on a normal school day. I would advise all parents to look at the exam timetable and make note of when these days are so that you know when to expect your child home.

#### **Revision:**

- The expectation is that all Year 11 students should be revising over half-term.
- Please can you help support your child with their revision by ensuring that they spend sufficient time revising when at home in preparation for these exams.
- All students in Year 11 are in a specific Trial Exams Google Classroom, in which they have access to important revision resources.
- The "[Y11 GCSE Topics to Revise](#)" document is attached to this email and has been uploaded into the Trial Exams Google Classroom. It is an extremely important document for students to consult when revising.
- Getting your child to complete a [revision timetable](#) is also a good idea in order for them to work out what they are going to revise on which day. See attached to this email.
- Room 2 will also be open after half-term every Monday and Tuesday from 3-4pm for students to do revision in, should they wish to. The room is staffed by Mr Tandy and Mr Dodge. In Room 2, revision guides/resources will be provided.
- Support is available for students with SEN in the Homework Club in the Learning Support Department, Monday to Thursday 3pm to 4pm.

#### **Punctuality to Trial Exams:**

- Students must arrive for their morning exam by 8.40am and their afternoon exam by 12.50pm. Please can you ensure that your child gets enough sleep the night before and is punctual to their exam. In some cases, if a student is late to their exam, they may not be allowed to sit it (just like next May/June in the real GCSE exams).
- If a student is repeatedly late to their Trial Exams and/or misses a Trial Exam, they will be required to sit it in the afternoon on the last day of Term - Friday 16 December.

#### **Uniform and Behaviour during the Trial Exams:**

- All students should be in full school uniform during the Trial Exams period. If a student is not in full school uniform then they will not be allowed to sit their Trial Exam.
- Just like in the real GCSE exams, if a student is caught communicating in the exam hall, they may be disqualified and issued with a U Grade. Please can you therefore help us in reinforcing the message that once students enter the exam hall, they need to be silent and focused on their own exam.
- We also expect exemplary behaviour from students when they are in lessons revising. This means normal school rules should be adhered to; no mobile phones, no eating etc.



I hope that both you and your child will find this information useful in the run up to the Trial Exams. Further letters will be sent out with more detailed information about the Trial Exams after half-term. All of the Trial Exam information can be found via the following [link](#), on the school's website. If you do have any further questions then please do not hesitate to contact either myself, Mr Tandy or Ms Maddison (Head of Exams).

Yours faithfully,

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