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## Year 11 GCSE Trial Exams Newsletter 2

Dear Families

I hope that you are all well and that your son or daughter is revising hard for their upcoming trial examinations. Please find below important information regarding the Year 11 trial examinations.

### Trial Exam Period

- A reminder that the trial exam period runs from **Monday 5 December to Friday 16 December**. During these two weeks, students are expected to be in school all day (8.40am-3pm.)
- Students should arrive at school for 8.40am. If they have a morning exam, they must go straight to the astro-turf to line up. If they do not 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. They will revise in these lessons and will therefore need to bring their revision resources with them each day.
- If students finish an 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 a normal school day.
- All students have access to their individual trial exam timetable, which is in the Year 11 GCSE Exams Google Classroom. Please ask your child to show you their individual timetable.
- The overall trial exam timetable can be read via the following [link](#).

### Expectations during the Trial Exam Period

- We expect exemplary behaviour from students when they are in lessons revising. This means normal school rules should be adhered to at all times.
- Students must arrive at school on time for their morning exams or for tutor time. If they arrive late for tutor time, they will sit a 15 minute detention at lunchtime.
- The same rules around mobile phone use apply during the trial exam period, as they would be if students were in school for lessons. This means that students should not have their mobile phones out at any time. If they do, they will be confiscated as normal until 3.30pm that same day.
- All students should be in **correct full school uniform** during the trial exam period, and if they are not, then they will not be allowed to sit their trial exam.



## Expectations in the Exam Hall

- Just like in the real GCSE exams, students that are caught communicating in the exam hall may be disqualified and issued with a U Grade. Please can you therefore help us in reinforcing the message that once they enter the exam hall, they need to be silent and focussed on their own exam.
- If a student defaces their exam desk, they may also be disqualified from that specific exam.
- All mobile phones and smart watches must be left in bags and only clear pencil cases and water bottles are allowed into the exam hall.

## Revision

- The expectation is that all Year 11 students should by now be completing significant revision towards their trial 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.

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 (Exams Officer).

Yours faithfully

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