

November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

As previously outlined, the Year 11 practice examinations are scheduled to begin on Wednesday, 15th November and will run until Tuesday, 28th November for most subjects, with Art and Photography exams concluding on Monday, 4th December. This letter aims to outline practical advice and share further guidance for students, parents, and carers to best support students during the examination period.

To aid in their preparation, topic lists have been provided to each student. Should your child have any questions, we encourage them to discuss these with their class teacher as a first point of contact. Students <u>will not be expected</u> to remain in school between morning and afternoon exams, or on sessions/days when they do not have an exam scheduled. We do understand, however, that for some students this is not possible. Please complete this <u>form</u> should you wish to apply for on-site provision for your child between examinations, or on days where they do not have an examination scheduled. Please note that we have strict expectations for anyone granted this permission which is further outlined in the form. Students will be expected to utilise any time outside of examinations for revision following guidance from their subject teachers.

Students will be expected to be on site at the following times for their examinations:

Early morning exams	8am
Mid-morning exams	10.30pm
Afternoon exams	1pm

It is essential that your child is on time and correctly equipped for their examination. We recommend that minimal belongings are brought to school. Students must not bring mobile phones (as per our Mobile Phone Policy) or watches of any kind. Further information has been shared with students regarding their conduct during examinations. Students will be expected to leave the school site following their exam and return home unless permission is granted to remain on the school site. Lunches will be available for those students entitled to free school meals, or to purchase as normal.

The highest expectations of behaviour remain, including uniform standards. Students are not permitted to walk around the site during lesson time as this causes disruption to lessons and impacts the learning of others.

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Please appreciate the importance of these practice exams. While we expect the summer examinations to proceed as normal, the practice exam results may be necessary to inform final grades should any unforeseen circumstances prevent the summer exams from taking place. We advise all students to treat these practice exams with the seriousness they deserve.

Your continued support is invaluable in preparing our students to succeed in their exams and their broader educational journeys. The dedication of our Year 11 students has been commendable as they approach this significant milestone in their academic journey. It is their hard work both inside and outside the classroom that prepares them for success. We wish to acknowledge their commitment as they prepare for these examinations.

The practice examination timetable has been reattached for your information.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

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