

15th November 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Autumn Term Mock Examinations

Please find enclosed a personalised timetable for your child's mock examinations, which should be kept safely at home. I have been incredibly impressed so far with the efforts that many of our students are already putting into their revision and I look forward to seeing this develop further as we approach the assessment period.

As has been previously discussed, there are many reasons why it is important that all students prepare themselves fully for these mock examinations;

1. Firstly, they provide staff with key information about students' progress and enable them to make projected grades and provide support where needed;
2. Secondly, they encourage the students to get into the habit of keeping on top of their revision and take ownership over their learning, which is key to ensure that they don't become overwhelmed as the year progresses;
3. Thirdly, and importantly, these mock examinations provide the first core piece of evidence that we would use to form a Teacher Assessed Grade (TAG) should the summer examinations not be able to go ahead as planned.

Students have been provided with checklists for the topics being covered in these mocks in each of their subjects and we would encourage all our students to start revising as early as possible to ensure that they are balancing their studies with other activities to maintain their health and wellbeing. A gentle reminder that the new, bespoke Period 6 timetable is up and running and Victory Hour is in the library every Tuesday and Wednesday from 4.15 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.

Below are some expectations of all students, taking in to account the recent changes to the Covid-19 restrictions:

- Students must wear a face mask when entering the school, examination hall and when moving about.
- Students **MUST** bring their own equipment – black pen, pencil, calculator, compass, ruler, eraser and these must be in a clear pencil case or bag
- Mobile phones must be on silent and placed in bags or coats at the side of the examination hall.





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- Students are not permitted to wear wrist watches during the examination – these should be removed and left in bags or coats at the side of the examination hall.

Please take time to read through the information included with this letter and ensure that your child is clear about where and when he/she has assessments. Please also talk to your child about revising effectively. Paper copies of revision materials have been provided directly to students and many can also be accessed through Microsoft Teams and Class Charts where set by teachers.

If you have any questions about these assessments, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Rowlands (Hannah.rowlands@thedeanacademy.org).

Many thanks in supporting us to support your child.

Yours sincerely

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