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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Autumn term mock examinations 2022: Monday 21st November – Friday 2nd December

During tutor time this week your child will have been given their personalised mock examination timetable which details the dates, times and seats for the upcoming examinations.

I have been incredibly impressed so far with the efforts that nearly every one 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 provide targeted support where needed;
2. Secondly, these mock examinations will enable teachers to make projected grades which will form the basis of the students' reports in December, which will then be used by students in their applications to their next steps (6th form, college, apprenticeships etc);
3. Thirdly, 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

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 Victory Hour is in the library every Wednesday and Thursday from 4.15 p.m. – 5.15 p.m. where students have a purposeful working environment with a member of the Senior Leadership Team to provide support where required.





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Below are the expectations of all students for the examinations, which are in line with the externally set JCQ guidelines that all schools must follow in the formal, external examinations:

- 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
- 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

We would be very grateful if you could please take time to read through the examination timetable 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.

Please note that during the mock fortnight Period 6 will still run as normal. We know that students really benefit from this small group revision and will help with wellbeing as students will hopefully feel more prepared for their exams. Where possible we will try to prioritise sessions with a teacher preceding an exam.

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

Many thanks in supporting us to support your child.

Yours sincerely

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