

5<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re. Spring Term Mock Examinations 2024: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February**

Today in school, your child will have been given their personalised mock examination timetable which details the dates, times and seats for the upcoming internally set examinations.

I continue to be incredibly impressed with the efforts that many of our students are already putting into their revision, particularly during our tutor time revision workshops, 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 March, which can then be used by students to support their applications to their next steps (6<sup>th</sup> 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 and revision resources for the topics being covered in these mocks in each of their subjects and we would encourage all our students to build upon the revision that they have been doing during the tutor revision by matching this with independent self-study outside of school and ensuring that they are balancing their studies with other activities to maintain their health and wellbeing. The library is also available to Year 11 students until 5.15pm every day.

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.





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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.

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 and some mock exams will extend into Period 6. We know that students really benefit from this small group revision and it 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 me ([hrowlands@thedeanaacademy.org](mailto:hrowlands@thedeanaacademy.org)).

Many thanks in supporting us to support your child.

Yours sincerely

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