

Monday 7th October 2024

Dear Parent / Carer,

Re: Autumn term mock examinations 2024: Monday 11th November – Friday 22nd November

As you are aware, Year 11 students will be sitting their first round of mock examinations in the fortnight commencing Monday 11th November. A link to the full timetable on our website has been sent out via text message and students will be given their personalised mock examination timetable (which details the dates, times and seats for the upcoming examinations) during the first week back after half term.

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 in the form of a 5-week countdown booklet to support their revision in addition to other resources that teachers have shared with them in lessons or via Classcharts. We encourage all of our students to begin their revision as early as possible to ensure that they are balancing their studies with other activities to maintain their health and wellbeing. The lunch time and after school booster sessions will still run as normal. We strongly encourage attendance to these sessions as we know they provide valuable revision time for the exams with a specialist teacher.

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:





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- Students **MUST** bring their own equipment – black pen, pencil, calculator, compass, ruler, eraser and these must be in a clear pencil case or bag. Calculator cases must be placed under student seats or left in their bags.
- 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.

If you have any questions about these assessments, please don't hesitate to contact Mr Fessey, Raising Standards Leader (tfessey@thedeanaacademy.org).

Many thanks in supporting us to support your child.

Yours sincerely,

Tom Fessey

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