



13 November 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

November update for Year 11

November is racing away, and the autumn examinations are approaching at speed! To prepare Year 11 students fully, during next week's morning registration periods we will be going through the exams protocol, which will be taking into account the logistics, equipment required and overall student conduct expected throughout this and future examinations. I have attached the PowerPoint and the examination timetable for your information.

As you can appreciate, this is not like any other autumn examinations we have had previously and we have had to adapt our systems accordingly. With this in mind, I do require your full support to ensure these examinations run smoothly and safely. Students are expected to be in school for an 8.45am start. In terms of equipment, your son/daughter must have the following as compulsory equipment:

ESSENTIAL ITEMS

- 2 or more black pens (not blue!)
- Pencil, pencil sharpener, rubber
- Ruler, protractor, compasses
- Calculator (no lids!)
- Face covering (to be worn to and from the exam hall)
- Pack of tissues (optional)
- Bottled water (optional)
- Some examinations require coloured pencils (your son/daughter will be told which ones)

ALL OF THE ABOVE ITEMS NEED TO BE IN A COMPLETELY TRANSPARENT PENCIL CASE OR PLASTIC BAG.

Additionally, I have asked all members of staff, when setting homework, to be revision only from this coming Monday to allow your son/daughter to revise without any additional work. Of course, any outstanding homework must be completed. In terms of the examination period, your son/daughter will feel a degree of stress over the exam period. There are many simple ways to reduce this stress. Please click on the link below which will help them deal with this aspect of exams.

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/student/advice/how-deal-exam-stress#survey-answer>

Again, thank you for your continued support. If you require any further information about the forthcoming examination period, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

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Year 11 key dates

Wednesday 18 November to Friday 4 December	Mock GCSE examinations
Wednesday 13 January	Mock examination results
Wednesday 20 January	Year 11 Parents' Evening
Wednesday 27 January	Post-16 Choices Evening
Wednesday 26 May	GCSE examinations start
Friday 2 July	Last day of GCSE examinations
Friday 27 August	GCSE results