



21st October 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Y11 Examinations

From Monday 16th - Thursday 26th of November Year 11 students will be participating in their first set of mock examinations. Due to Covid and the restrictions placed on us nationally, students were unable to sit examinations as they normally would at the end of Y10, so it is important that we give the cohort two opportunities this year to prepare them for sitting their real examinations in the summer session of 2021.

This year, we were asked to give students a Centre Assessed Grade and ranking based on a number of criteria. One of the main contributing factors towards this was the results of students in mock examinations and assessments. It is extremely important for students to demonstrate their skills and knowledge to the best of their ability in these assessments for their own personal progression. However, should we find ourselves in a situation again where we are asked to contribute a Centre Assessed Grade, these results will also feature in that decision making.

Although sitting mock examinations is not a replacement for completing real examinations, practice is key to success, as it builds resilience and alleviates nerves in the summer.

The purpose of these assessments and examinations is to:

- give students the opportunity to experience what it is like to sit a number of exams in a set time period;
- ascertain where students' attainment levels currently sit within the overall course;
- test knowledge in certain areas of the course;
- give teachers a clear indication of which areas of the students' knowledge may need revisiting; and, gives students the opportunity to test their own knowledge.

As we are still under some health and safety restrictions, the first set of examinations will take place within the Y11 Pod, the main hall and two additional classrooms. Students will be given the instructions for where they need to be alongside a timetable the first week after half term. We will endeavour to ensure the second set of mocks later in the year are in the hall to better replicate the real experience.

In the interim, we would like students to start revising now to prepare themselves for these exams. Students should already be setting time aside to regularly revise throughout the year and not just in preparation for examination periods.

To support them with this preparation, their subject teachers will explain what to expect for their individual exams or assessments. Tutors will be issuing students with a 'Guide to Successful Revision' and a revision planner. We request your support in encouraging students to revise for these exams

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as this will have a significant impact on their ability to demonstrate their retention now and throughout the rest of the year. The materials they create and use for these exams can be further developed in their second set of mock examinations in half term four during February and March.

Should you have any queries about the logistics of the examinations, please email our Exams Officer, Mrs Douglas on k.douglas@stokesleyschool.org. If the support is subject specific please contact the subject specific member of staff. For any other matter, please email Head of Year 11, Mr Hamer on w.hamer@stokesleyschool.org.

Yours faithfully

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