



The Crossley Heath School

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Year 11 Mock Examinations

Tuesday 4th – Friday 14th January 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

The Year 11 mock examinations will take place in the period **Tuesday 4th January – Friday 14th January 2022**. Students will receive a copy of the attached exam timetable through their tutorials and via their school email.

For this period of mock examinations lessons will be suspended and students will only need to attend school for their exams. If students wish to come into school to revise, or if they are revising in-school between exams they will be able to study in the LRC where they will register on a sign-in sheet. When students leave school after their exam or in-between exams they must sign out at main school reception.

Normal lessons will resume on Monday 17th January. If you **do not** wish your son / daughter to have study leave and would prefer for them undertake self-study and revision in school, please contact Mr Donlan (Y11 Progress Leader) and the school will make appropriate arrangements.

Each day there are two exam slots: 8:45am and 1:10pm and students must arrive prior to these times in order that the exams can begin promptly. Students with Access Arrangements will sit their exams in a different room and some may have a bespoke timetable in order to accommodate their needs. In these cases, students will have these arrangements confirmed separately by Miss Gillespie.

If a student misses any papers because of illness or isolation, it is vital that the school is informed of any absence in the usual way. Once back in school appropriate arrangements may be made so that the students can sit any missed exams.

Please note that students must wear uniform whenever they are in school, either to revise or sit an exam. Also, I would ask that unless you hear otherwise our students should wear their face coverings/masks in their exams. Preferably these should be ones brought in from home and not disposable ones obtained in school as this is producing a very large amount of unrecyclable waste which has a large environmental impact. Over the Christmas break we are reviewing the school policy regarding face coverings and any changes to this policy will be communicated as soon as possible.

The Year 11 mock examinations represent an important opportunity for students to practise key skills such as time management, revision skills, personal organisation and discipline, which will all be

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essential for their success in the summer exams. It is important that all students revise thoroughly for their exams if they are to use the experience as effective preparation for the final GCSE exams.

I would also like to draw your attention to the contingency plans for summer 2022 examinations. Ofqual have stated that in the event that Summer 2022 exams cannot go ahead, students' grades will instead be determined by their teachers, using a Teacher Assessed Grades (TAGs) approach which will be broadly similar to the approach taken by the school last year. Therefore, in the event that summer exams do not go ahead, students' performance in these mock examinations will be used as part of the evidence base for the award of TAGs.

Thank you very much for your continued support as we work together to help Y11 reach their full potential in the summer GCSE examinations.

Yours faithfully

Mr J Stead – Associate assistant head teacher, dept. leader for Physics, Exams manager.