

5 November 2019

Dear Parents

**Year 11 GCSE Mock Exams, Monday 6 – Friday 17 January 2020 inclusive  
(Art & German/Spanish speaking/listening - December 2019)**

You are receiving your son's GCSE Mock Exam Timetable for January 2020 (Art, German and Spanish have some exams in December) and I do hope your son will very soon have a copy firmly stuck up above his place of work!

All boys will shortly be receiving a summary list of revision topics from Mr Durning. I would like to take this opportunity to remind your son through you that the mock exams are a vital preparation for the real thing next summer and adequate revision now will certainly help to smooth his path over the next few months.

The boys have no study leave for any exams in December. The main exam session lasts for the first 10 working days of school in January and boys have study leave for the entirety of that time. We will speak with the boys about how best to organise their time during study leave and would be grateful if you could reinforce the key messages. Rather than treating study leave as extra holiday time, our recommendation is that the boys establish a similar structure to a normal working school day, so they should:

- Keep to their usual weekday waking and sleeping times
- Work in "periods" i.e. focus on one subject or topic for an agreed time, take a break and then swap subjects or topics
- Work with a study partner if this is beneficial to both of them but keep socialising to agreed breaks
- Not access social media during "school" hours

They must all return to school on **Tuesday 21 January**.

If your son comes into school to revise, he **must** use the finger scanner to indicate his presence on site and again to indicate when he is leaving. All boys coming in to school to do their French oral exams on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January must also be sure to use the finger scanner on arrival and departure.

Boys wishing to choose an EPQ (Extended Project Qualification) as their fifth subject in the Sixth Form will also need to have good results in mocks to allow that choice to be made at this stage. This will not preclude them choosing it after good results are received in August.

I wish your sons good preparation and encouraging results in January.

Kind regards

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