



Friday 20th December 2024

Year 11 GCSE Mock Exams
Commencing 27th January – 7th February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please be aware that all Year 11 pupils will be sitting their second Year 11 GCSE mock exams week commencing Monday 27th January. The timetable for this is below.

The last mock exams ran incredibly well, and I was extremely proud of the pupils. We complete a second mock exam series for two reasons. Firstly, it allows pupils and staff to experience again what the real exams will be like. We know that pupils are more comfortable and confident if they know what to expect when being examined. We as staff can also see if we need to adapt any of our processes. Secondly, it allows teacher and pupils to see how much of the Year 10 and Year 11 curriculum they have learnt and what gaps we need to continue to work on.

All exams will be held in the sports hall except the music exam which will be held in the music room. As before pupils will line up each session to ensure a prompt start to each exam. The week beginning 27th January will become a 2-1-2 day. This means pupils will have periods 1 and 2, break, lesson 3, lunch, then periods 4 and 5. This means exams will run as AM sessions and PM sessions, as they would in the summer. Pupils will be expected to go to their normal period 3 lessons. If your child has exam access arrangement these will be put in place. We are keeping our routines the same to support our pupils.

Once exams are marked and we have graded them, pupils will have a mock results day in school. This means they will open their envelope in the same way they will in the summer. This is something we do each year, to support pupils understand this next stage in the process.

You may notice that not all subjects have an exam. These subjects will be assessing pupils within class. The class teacher will let them know what is happening.

In the new year I will be talking to pupils in assemblies to ensure they fully understand what is expected of them.

Exams Assist

To help you and your child see what exams they have each day, you should have already downloaded and have access to Exams Assist. Exams Assist is a way for you all to check in on your child's exams, their times and most importantly their seat for each paper. Please note that pupils do not **need** to access Exams Assist. All information is already provided for them in school. This is an extra way that we are supporting you as a family to have a shared understanding of the expectations for each day.

Pupils are only to access this at home, and not in school as mobile phones are not permitted in school. We will have seating information around school to remind pupils where they need to sit. However, this extra layer supports preplanning, and avoids last minute checking.



I suggest your child writes their seat number in their planner each day, for each exam, as a way of being fully prepared.

As parents and carers please can I ask the following:

1. Speak through and map out when your child has their exams. Writing these into their planners is a great way of allowing pupils to see when they are happening.
2. Speak to your child about trying their best in all exams. These grades may be used in their next steps applications and is an opportunity for your child to show us their best, which is all we can ask of pupils.
3. Use this time to get your child to carry out some revision. Please see the attached revision PowerPoint.
4. Buy revision guides via WisePay – [Wootton Academy Trust - Wootton Academy Trust - Home Page \(wisepay.co.uk\)](https://www.woottonacademytrust.co.uk) If you need to reset your WisePay details please email accounts@wootton.beds.sch.uk
5. Ensure your child has a good night's sleep – screens away early and some downtime, before a 'not-too-late' bedtime.
6. Make sure they have a healthy breakfast.
7. Avoid making any appointments or taking your child out of school during this time.
8. If you are worried about your child, then please do get in contact with their form tutor in the first instance.

Yours sincerely

Anna Burnham
Deputy Headteacher

Year 11 Mock Timetable – Spring 2025

Week 1	Monday 27 th Jan	Tuesday 28 th Jan	Wednesday 29 th Jan	Thursday 30 th Jan	Friday 31 st Jan
Periods 1-2	English	PRE	History	Maths 1	Geography
Period 3	Normal lessons				
Periods 4-5	Science Biology	Science 2 Chemistry	Science 3 Physics	English 2	Maths 2

Week 2	Monday 3 rd Feb	Tuesday 4 th Feb	Wednesday 5 th Feb	Thursday 6 th Feb	Thursday 7 th Feb
Periods 1-2	DT Music	French Drama	Spanish		
Period 3	Normal lessons				
Periods 4-5	Child Dev	Computer Sci Dance	Sport Studies		
	+ Catch ups				