



24 October 2024

Dear Year 11 Parents/Carers and Students

GCSE Core Mock Examinations: Monday 2 December – Friday 13 December 2024

Incredibly it is a little over six months before our students will be sitting their GCSE examinations. To support them as they move towards this goal, we intend to schedule Core Mock examinations to run from Monday 2 December to Friday 13 December. This will help students gain an accurate picture of how they are performing at this present time and will provide accurate information on which to base examination board entries for those examinations where higher or foundation tiering is in use. The results of these Core Mock examinations will be issued to students by their class teachers by the end of this term and will provide essential feedback for them to act upon moving forwards.

A Core Mock Examination timetable, along with guidance on the content the students will need to revise to prepare for these Mock examinations, is included overleaf and has been issued to students as a printed copy.

Other option subjects may choose to run similar mock examination assessments within lesson time and will provide students with the information on when these will be scheduled and the content the assessments will be based upon to students directly.

A full suite of Mock Examinations to be held for all subjects, will be scheduled from Monday 24 February to Friday 7 March, and will be conducted to replicate the exact examination experience that students will follow for their external examination in the summer of 2025. We will issue more information about the March Mock Examinations in due course.

As always, please do contact me should you have any queries or concerns regarding examinations.

With my very best wishes

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Year 11 Core Mock Examinations Timetable

Week 1		Morning		Afternoon		Duration (mins)	Subject
Day	Date	Start	End	Start	End		
Monday	2/12/24						
Tuesday	3/12/24	09:00 am	10:45 am			105	English Language
Wednesday	4/12/24	09:00 am	10:30 am			90	Mathematics Paper 1 (Non - Calculator)
				1:15 pm	2:30 pm 3:00 pm	75 105	Trilogy Combined Science: Biology Separate Science: Biology
Thursday	5/12/24						
Friday	6/12/24	09:00 am	10:15 am 10:45 am			75 105	Trilogy Combined Science: Chemistry Separate Science: Chemistry
				1:15 pm	2:45 pm	90	Mathematics Paper 2 (Calculator)

Week 2		Morning		Afternoon		Duration (mins)	Subject
Day	Date	Start	End	Start	End		
Monday	9/12/24	09:00 am	10:45 am			105	English Literature
Tuesday	10/12/24						
Wednesday	11/12/24			1:15 pm	2:45 pm	90	Mathematics Paper 3 (Calculator)
Thursday	12/12/24			1:15 pm	2:30 pm 3:00 pm	75 105	Trilogy Combined Science: Physics Separate Science: Physics
Friday	13/12/24						

Year 11 Core Mock Examination Content – November/December 2024

Subject	Topic Content
English Language	The Language Paper 2 includes a range of questions asking students to show retrieval skills, inference and comparison skills, analysis of language and structure skills, and then also persuasive writing skills. There is no specific set text that students can revise as such, but they can revise literary methods and read widely in preparation. Tassomai also has quizzes for students to engage with material they have been taught in class.
English Literature	The Literature Paper includes two questions - one on Romeo & Juliet, which students have completed their study of, and could revise key quotations, context, and plot summaries and the other on Jekyll & Hyde, which students will have studied enough of to tackle the question, and which they can revise in a similar way to R&J.
Mathematics	All content covered in the course to date. As it is a mock assessment, we do not want to advertise specific topics but encourage wider study against individual strengths and weaknesses to mimic their experience of the actual GCSE. Students have all been issued with specific areas to improve upon and will be guided by their teachers on which topics they should focus on as we move closer to the assessment.
Combined Science	Biology topics: Cell Biology; Organisation; Infection and response; and Bioenergetics (photosynthesis and respiration). Chemistry topics: Atomic structure and the periodic table; Bonding, structure, and the properties of matter; Quantitative chemistry; Chemical changes; and Energy changes. Physics topics: Energy; Electricity; Particle model of matter; and Atomic structure.
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