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Dear Parent/Carer

RE: Year 11 Mock Examinations

Please find important information about the Mock examinations which will take place in **November 2026**. They will consist of one paper per subject area. We are sending all parent/carers this information so you may spend some time with your child in preparation for these.

Assessment key information:

When will these examinations take place?
These initial mocks will commence on **Monday the 9th November 2026.** The mocks will run for one week. The mocks for the rest of the papers and all other subjects will run in January 2027. A generic November timetable is attached for your reference.

When will my child receive their exam timetable?
Please note your child's **November Mock Examination 2026 timetable** will be given to your child in form period week commencing **Monday the 19th October 2026**.

Why are the mock examinations important?
These exams are a vital part of the preparation for the summer's full GCSE examinations. Also taking into consideration contingency measures during the unprecedented times, we would encourage you to speak to your child and ask that the mocks are treated as seriously as the real examinations.

As we have been asked to conduct mocks under JCQ regulations and breaches may require reporting to the exam board, please ensure your child is familiar with the JCQ candidate notices. They are available on our website and a booklet containing these will be emailed to all pupils later in the year.

When will my child receive their results from the Mock Examinations
Pupils will be given results along with their end of term report; this is currently planned to take place **Wednesday 16th December 2026.** This will allow Pupils to act on their feedback, and use the remaining time before January examinations to target their revision as appropriate.

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Excellent attendance and punctuality:

It is **key for your child's attendance and punctuality to be excellent during this period** in order to take full advantage of all lessons, revision opportunities as well as the mock exams themselves. Let me take this opportunity to remind you that one of the many this year's contingency plans for if exams have to be cancelled does include using data gathered from mock papers under exam conditions. We would urge you **not to make routine check-up appointments** for your child during this period as catch up examination sessions are unlikely to take place

Supporting your child's revision:

Your child's teachers have provided revision materials and guidance for each subject. In form, Pupils have been learning about how to revise effectively. Pupils can also access GCSE Pod online for revision videos, mock exam questions, quizzes, and example responses: last year, there was a direct link between Pupils using GCSE Pod and GCSE success. We also offer access to the library, M-zone and subject booster classes at the end of the school day. The timetables for these sessions are on the academy website. For additional parent and Pupil revision guidance, please use the following links:
Parent_Revision_Guide.pdf
Pupil_Revision_Guide.pdf

GCSEPod – All Year 11 Pupils have been given access to GCSEPod. If for some reason your child has not already registered to access GCSEPod, Pupils should go to www.gcsepod.com and click **"Login"** in the top right hand corner and follow the simple steps to create an account.

For more ways parent/carers can help support your child using GCSEPod, you can visit Parent Resources - GCSEPod where you'll find lots more information and resources on a range of topics including subject specific guidance as well as more general information such as coping with exam stress.

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Support for mental health/wellbeing:

The mental health and wellbeing of your child is important to us, and we know that Pupils can become anxious before and during examinations. To support your child, we have included below some strategies that you can use at home and a link to a range of resources on our website.
Top 4 strategies:

1. Support your child to believe in themselves. If they work hard with a positive energy and stay focused stress will be reduced.
2. Organisation – support your child to create a revision timetable so that they plan and use their time effectively.
3. Exercise – this will improve your child's focus and help them to relax.
4. Sleep – Encourage your child to have between 7 – 9 hours sleep every night which will help create a well-rested mind and body.

Website link: Moor End Academy - Supporting Our Pupils
The link below will take you to resources to support your child with exam stress.
https://www.youngminds.org.uk/young-person/blog/exam-results-stress-advice-for-young-people/

The link below has ways you can help support your child using GCSEPod, you can visit www.gcsepod.com/parents-resources

Your child can also seek advise from their form tutor or head of year.

Thank you in anticipation of your support at this important time. If you would like to discuss this matter further, please contact Mr Shala (Head of Year 11), Mrs Bhullar (Examinations Officer) or myself at the academy.

Yours sincerely

Mr D Bellanfante
Vice Principal