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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 Mock Exams

On 30 November, Year 11 will begin their Mock Exams, which will run up to and including Tuesday 15 December. The complete timetable is attached and we advise students to highlight the exams that are specific to them. In the current climate and given the lack of GCSE exams last year it is incredibly important that the process is treated seriously.

At present the intention in England is for exams to take place but we know a lot can change in a short space of time, if we are in a position where we need to provide exam boards with grades for a second year, we need to have the same confidence as last year in the grades we are awarding.


Mock exams provide the school with a very accurate picture of where individual students are at in their journey towards achieving their potential. This year will be all the more important given their absence from school during lockdown, the need to know where gaps in knowledge and skills are and how we can best use the time between now and the summer of 2021. After Christmas, students will finalise applications to colleges in time for the February deadline; an accurate prediction of success can be given in these applications as students will have to provide their mock grades to colleges for them to assess if places will be offered. We still aim to have a parents evening on 14 January and are working on the best way forward with this.

One of the many misconceptions at this time of the year is for students to state they will not revise as it will help them to identify what they do not know. As stated above, the results this year in the mocks are as important as they have ever been for students and taking this approach could have a detrimental effect. Although after school 'Achieve' sessions will still continue with a focus on content and skills, these alone are not a substitute for revision at home and students should have already started to do this. This year we have launched the use of 'Very Important Points' (VIP's) in all subject areas which can be used a foundation for revising. The VIPs are a bank of key points which relate to each unit for each subject and what teachers regard as being the important information required to access the exam to a high standard. These would be easily accessible for parents/carers to use to support revision at home.

The mock exams will take place in the Main Hall and are designed as much as possible to replicate the experience of sitting GCSE exams. This is a demanding time in any normal school year but this year has the added effect of taking place during a pandemic which we appreciate is putting pressure on families. Please communicate with us if you have any concerns. Although we cannot do this each day, we intend to give the students a breakfast on both Fridays to reward them for their hard work and remind them to be resilient and persevere. An added concern we know parents/carers have is if a student has to self-isolate during the mock series. We have a contingency in place should this happen and please do not be concerned as all students will receive support if this situation arises.

We are immensely proud of the commitment being shown by Year 11 since their return in September, they are a credit to themselves, you and the school. Now is the time to push on and use the extra time they may have at home.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. Holland". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Mr A Holland
Assistant Headteacher



The King's School Mock Exam Timetable 2020



All exams are in the Hall unless stated otherwise

Period 1 & 2 exams will start at 9.30am

(EAA need to start earlier to finish on time)

Period 3 & 4 exams will start at 11.40am

(EAA need to start at same time and may need to break for lunch)

Period 5 exams start at 2.05pm

(EAA need to start on time or early depending on other exams that student has. If needed the exam may have to run over two days)

	Period 1 & 2	Period 3 & 4	Period 5
Mon 30 Nov	English Language Paper 1 (200) 1hr 45	Geography Paper 1 (114) 1hr 30	Catch Up Session
Tues 1 Dec	Maths Paper 1 Calculator (200) 1hr 30	Citizenship (67) 1hr 45	Catch Up Session
Wed 2 Dec	Biology Paper 1 (200) 1hr 45 Separates 1hr 15 Trilogy	Drama (18) 40mins	History Paper 2 (102) 1hr
		Engineering BTEC (24) 1hr 30	
Thurs 3 Dec	Geography Paper 2 (114) 1 hr 30	Spanish Listening & Reading (31) Hall 1hr 20 (Foundation) 1hr 45 (Higher)	Catch Up Session
Fri 4 Dec	Hospitality & Catering (34) 2hrs	Music GCSE Listening (8) In A2 1hr 30	Catch Up Session
		PE GCSE Paper 1 (13) 1hr 15	
		Sociology (29) 1hr 45	
		Computer Science Paper 1 (21) 1hr 30	
Mon 7 Dec	English Language Paper 2 (200) 1hr 45	Media Paper 1 (43) 1hr 30	Catch Up Session
Tues 8 Dec	Chemistry Paper 1 (200) 1hr 45 Separates 1hr 15 Trilogy	French Listening & Reading (16) Hall 1hr 20 (Foundation) 1hr 45 (Higher)	Catch Up Session
Weds 8 Dec	Maths Paper 2 Non Calculator (200) 1hr 30	PE GCSE Paper 2 (13) 1 hr 15	History Paper 1 (102) 1hr
		Sociology (29) 1hr 45	
		Computer Science Paper 2 (21) 1hr 30	
Thurs 10 Dec	Product Design (21) 2hrs	French/Spanish Writing (47) 45m (Foundation) 1hr 20 (Higher)	Catch Up Session
		Health & Social Care (29) 1hr 45	
Fri 11 Dec	Maths Paper 3 Calculator (200) 1hr 30	Physics Paper 1 (200) 1hr 45 Separates 1hr 15 Trilogy	Catch Up Session
Mon 14 Dec	Media Paper 2 (43) 1hr 30		
	Music GCSE Practical Exams (8) Individual times to be issued by Mrs Buckingham When not in the exam you will be in lessons A1 & A2		
Tues 15 Dec	Art (61) Room to be allocated by Mrs Henderson Art Rooms		
	IT Coursework (20) C2		