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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 Mock Examinations

I am writing to inform you that all students in Year 11 will undertake mock examinations in the majority of subjects that they study between **Monday 29 November and Tuesday 14 December 2021**.

These exams will provide Class Teachers with in-depth information regarding your child's understanding and progress in all their courses and help to determine bespoke provision for students in preparation for their exams.

Students will receive a copy of the exam timetable tomorrow; this can also be found [here](#). When students are not in an exam they will attend their normal timetabled lesson. To ensure students continue to gain experience in sitting exams they will sit their exams in the same location we expect them to be sat in the Summer. Most exams will be in the main hall, however, where this differs due to subject or exam access arrangements, students will be informed of this well in advance.

Student Preparation

Teachers continue to prepare students for their examinations through their day-to-day teaching. In addition to this, Achieve sessions and Academic Monitoring have both commenced since students moved into Year 11. Students will also receive a student information booklet in form time this week. This includes an overview of the exams in each subject alongside guidance on what to revise and where to revise from to support students with their revision. Additionally, form tutors will be delivering a daily revision programme throughout this term. This is designed to help students develop excellent habits in terms of revision and exam preparation and will cover key concepts through the delivery of focused sessions which have been designed by subject specialists.

Staff from the SEN department will be working closely with Teachers to ensure that any student who requires specific exam access arrangements or additional support will receive this. The SEN team will communicate directly with the parents/carers of students who this may affect to ensure that both you and your child are aware of the arrangements which will be put in place.

Results

As you will have seen in the letter sent by Mr. Pinto last week, The Department for Education (DfE) and Ofqual have published the outcome of a consultation on how adaptations to GCSE exams will be put in place for Summer 2022. Whilst decisions already made and outlined in the summary will be reflected in the Year 11 mock exams, further information is still to be shared by exam boards with schools in February. Therefore, whilst the exam outcomes will inform our curriculum planning from January, we will further amend these plans as needed once this additional information is available.

The exams will also allow Class Teachers to identify any gaps in students' knowledge should they exist. In January, students will receive their results and will be given detailed question-level feedback

by their Class Teacher. This will help students to understand which questions they performed well on and which questions they may need more support with in preparation towards their exams next Summer. They will then be provided with practical next steps to ensure they are able to develop the topics and skills they need to focus on most.

Parent/Carer Engagement

You will be provided with your child's report in January which will indicate your child's progress and realistic expected grade in each subject which they study. A Parent/Carer Evening is scheduled for Thursday 20 January and we strongly encourage you to attend this event as it an opportunity to speak directly to your child's Class Teachers. More details with regard to the logistics of this event will be shared in the New Year.

This exam window, and the lead up to it, is a key period of time for students in Year 11 and your involvement and support cannot be underestimated and as always is appreciated.

If there are any further queries regarding these assessments, please email;
admin@kings.patrust.org.uk.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Langston', with a large, sweeping flourish underneath.

Miss P Langston
Deputy Headteacher