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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 Term 4 Mock Examinations and Interventions

As we have reached the end of another busy term and are soon to embark on the most important weeks and months for our Year 11 students to date, it is timely to provide you with several important updates.

Examination Updates

In November 2021 we informed you that Ofqual had published the outcome of a consultation on how adaptations to GCSEs would be put in place to ensure exams are as fair as possible to students given the disruption that they have experienced, but we were awaiting further information from exam boards. On 7 February 2022 the exam boards published specific information about the changes for each qualification they offer. This is already informing our curriculum planning and will allow us to ensure that students are provided with the knowledge, skills and resources that they need to be successful in each subject. A summary of this by subject can be accessed using the link below.

[Subject-by-subject support for GCSE, AS and A level students in 2022 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

Mock Examinations

All students in Year 11 will undertake further mock examinations in English, Maths and Science between **Monday 7 March and Friday 11 March 2022**. Students who study Spanish or French will also sit exams in this subject. These exams, based on the amendments from the exam boards, will allow Class Teachers to continue to assess your child's understanding and progress, helping us to determine the most appropriate bespoke provision for students in preparation for their exams.

A copy of the exam timetable can be found here:

<https://kings.patrust.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Core-Mock-Exams-March-2022.docx.pdf>.

When students are not in an exam they will attend their normal timetabled lesson. Most exams will be in the Main Hall, however, 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.

Student Preparation

Teachers continue to prepare students for their examinations through their day-to-day teaching, however, as we move into Term 4 a number of additional interventions will be implemented to further support students in their studies and preparation for exams.

Achieve sessions will continue to run from 3.05-4.05pm but will increase in frequency throughout the term as outlined below.

Dates	Session Outline
Monday 28 February – Friday 4 March	Invited students will be expected to attend focused sessions for Vocational qualifications
Monday 7 March – Friday 18 March	All students will be expected to attend Achieve sessions 3 nights per week (Monday, Tuesday and Friday)
Monday 21 March – Friday 8 March	All students will be expected to attend Achieve sessions 4 nights per week (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday)

Additionally, from Monday 28 February 2022 students will move into different form groups. Based on individual need students have been assigned to a new form which will have a subject specific focus. Each morning throughout the term Form Tutors will deliver sessions based on their subject specialism. These are designed to cover key concepts and exam skills to meet the needs of the students in the form group and will be adaptive in their nature.

Today all Year 11 students have been provided with an information sheet which states their new Form Tutor and form room, as well as a personalised timetable which outlines the Achieve Sessions that they will need to attend in Term 4.

Parent/Carer Engagement

In addition to your support in ensuring that your child attends their Achieve sessions, we would ask you to make sure that they are punctual to school, arriving no later than 8.55am.

In response to feedback from you, we acknowledge that knowing how to support students up to and throughout the exam period can be a challenge. I am therefore delighted to announce that on Monday 14 March 2022 a Revision Festival is planned for Year 11 students, parents and carers. This will be aimed at providing both students and parents/carers with practical advice, strategies and techniques for revision, and more widely, exam preparation. More details with regards to the logistics of this event will be shared after half term.

Post Summer Exams

A rite of passage for Year 11 students has become the Leaver's Prom. In order to allow you to plan for this, I am pleased to share with you that the Leaver's Prom will be held at Rogerthorpe Manor on Thursday 7 July 2022. Please wait for further details next term when tickets will go on sale via MCAS.

Following this, the next time we will see students will be on their Results Day which is **Thursday 25 August 2022**.

As you will appreciate, whilst it is extremely exciting for our students to consider these end of year events, our ongoing focus is firmly on making sure that each individual is as well prepared and supported as they can be to achieve their very best in Summer. We look forward to continuing to work together to achieve this.

If you have any further queries regarding the contents discussed, please email admin@kings.patrust.org.uk.

Yours faithfully



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