



6th September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 11 Parent Information Evening 19.9.2023 and Mock Examinations 16.10.2023– 3.11.2023

I hope you enjoyed the summer break and your child had a good start to the new academic year. I am writing to you to inform you of the first set of mock examinations for Year 11 and to invite you to our **Year 11 Parent Information Evening on Tuesday 19.9.2023 between 4.30pm and 5.30pm**. During this evening, we will provide key information about the Year 11 learning journey and how to effectively support your child with their GCSE study both at home and school. Please enter the school via the main reception for this evening and the presentation will take place in the main hall. Refreshments will be provided in the canteen.

These mocks are an essential part of preparation for the public GCSE examinations. They give subject teachers an opportunity to assess your child's current knowledge and understanding of each subject, the progress they have made since the Year 10 mocks as well as how they perform under exam conditions. A final set of mock exams has been scheduled for January/February 2024 (29.1.24 – 9.2.2024).

The results of these mocks will help us to arrange for targeted support and intervention to address areas in need of development, as well as provide initial information on foundation and higher tier entries for the final exams in Maths, Languages and Science. It is therefore essential that your child is as well prepared as possible for these exams, so that we have an accurate picture of where they are at in their learning.

In order to support students in the run up to the mocks we are offering a number of additional interventions which we will outline in more detail during the Year 11 Parent Information evening.

A timetable for Mock Examinations is attached below. Students have been issued with a copy of this timetable in form time. Students will be issued an individual timetable nearer the exams, which will provide further information on rooms and Access Arrangements (where applicable).

Students will arrive to school at the normal time in the morning and go to their form room for registration. For the periods 3 and 4 or period 5 examinations, students will drop their bags off first at a designated location and then line up in form and alphabetical order outside the sports hall 10 minutes before the examination commences.

As always, students must arrive in full school uniform and bring the following necessary equipment for each exam in a clear pencil case:

- black pen x2
- pencil, eraser & sharpener
- ruler
- calculator
- Maths set (compass, protractor)
- highlighters (students are permitted to highlight parts of a question, however, answers must not be highlighted)

Water must be stored in clear bottles without labels or writing (i.e. logos). Electronic devices, watches and any other items are not permitted in the exam room.

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Students will not be allowed to sit their exam if they are late.

Break time and lunchtime arrangements will be as normal. If your child is ill during the examination period please notify the school in the usual manner.

If you have any questions about these examinations, please do not hesitate to contact me on DKohls@stanborough.herts.sch.uk.

Finally, may I thank you for your continuing support in ensuring that your child achieves all they are capable of. The results of these exams will be shared with students as soon as they have been marked and moderated by departments.

We look forward to welcoming you to our Year 11 Parent Information Evening on Tuesday 19.9.2023 at 4.30pm.

Yours faithfully



Ms D Kohls
Deputy Headteacher

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YEAR 11 TIMETABLE OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2023 MOCK EXAMS

		Period 1 and 2	Period 3 and 4	Period 5
Monday	16.10.23	Art and 3D Design 5 hour exam		
Tuesday	17.10.23	Physics Combined Science 1hr 15 Physics Triple Science 1hr 45	French Reading 45 min (FT)/1 hr (HT)	French Listening 35 min (FT)/45 min (HT)
Wednesday	18.10.23	Maths non-calculator paper 1hr 30	Drama 1hr 45 Sports Studies 1 hr 30	
Thursday	19.10.23	Business 1hr 45	English Language 1hr 45	
Friday	20.10.23	Geography 1hr 30	Music 1hr 30 Sports Studies 1hr	
Monday	30.10.23	Biology Combined Science 1hr 15 Biology Triple Science 1hr 45	Spanish Reading 45 min (FT)/1 hr (HT)	Spanish Listening 35 min (FT)/45 min (HT)
Tuesday	31.10.23	English Literature 2hr 15		History 55 min
Wednesday	1.11.23	Maths calculator paper 1hr 30	Psychology 1hr 30	
Thursday	2.11.23	Computing 1hr 30	Chemistry Combined Science 1hr 15 Chemistry Triple Science 1hr 45	
Friday	3.11.23	French Writing 1hr (FT)/1hr 15 (HT)	Spanish Writing 1hr (FT)/1hr 15 (HT)	
w/c	15.1.24	Speaking exams for French and Spanish (individual times and days to be confirmed)		

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