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Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 11 mock examination 'fortnight' commencing 23 November 2020

Your child will be sitting mock exams the weeks commencing 23 November and the 4 December 2020. Please see schedules below.

Teaching Wk 1	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5
Monday 23 Nov 2020			PHYSICS 1H 45M COMBINED SCIENCE - Physics 1H 15M		
Tuesday 24 Nov 2020	MATHS Paper 1 non calculator 1H 30M				
Wednesday 25 Nov 2020	BIOLOGY 1H 45M COMBINED SCIENCE - Bio 1H 15M				
Thursday 26 Nov 2020	OPTION B EXAM				
Friday 27 Nov 2020			OPTION A EXAM		

Teaching Wk 2	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5
Monday 30 Nov 2020			ENGLISH LITERATURE (paper 2) : Section A - Macbeth, Section B - A Christmas Carol 1H 45M		
Tuesday 1 Dec 2020	MATHS Paper 2 calculator 1H 30M				
Wednesday 2 Dec 2020	CHEMISTRY 1H 45M COMBINED SCIENCE - Chem 1H 15M				
Thursday 3 Dec 2020	OPTION D EXAM				
Friday 4 Dec 2020			OPTION C EXAM		

We do not know what may happen around the Summer 2021 exam season for your child. We are all hoping that students will be given the opportunity to sit their exams as currently planned. We will obviously update you on any information we get about this as soon as we can. In the meantime, it is important that students prepare themselves fully for the prospect of these exams. If for any reason the system changes and we need to use Centre assessed grades (CAGs) as we did this Summer; either for a whole cohort or for an individual who may be unable to take an exam, it is important that these mocks along with all other assessments represent the students in their best light.

Revision is best done in small chunks over a long period of time, so these mocks represent the start of that process for students. Mr Teece and I have put together a quick recorded presentation on an introduction to revision for you to watch with your child. Mr Bugh has done two recordings: revision video one - getting the environment right and revision video 2 - revision strategies. We hope all of these will help start this process with our students in a positive way. Each individual subject will be putting recordings together during this term so that you can watch them with your child to help support them through this crucial year. All recordings can be found on our website in the revision section (under parents - examinations - revision presentations), or use this direct link:

<https://brookvalegroby.com/revision-presentations/>

Student attendance to mocks is extremely important. As with any examinations, we expect students to have all the correct equipment for their exams. Those students who arrive without the correct equipment will be issued with lunchtime detentions. Listed below is some additional information about the examinations from the core subjects:

Maths

The mock will consist of two papers, the first of which will be a non-calculator exam, the second a calculator. Students will be examined on all aspects of the course.

Students have recently sat assessments in Maths and we have worked with them to identify areas for improvement using these. Students should use the feedback from assessments as a basis from which to revise for their mocks. In order to give students the very best chance of reaching their full potential we would advise that they begin studying for their mocks as soon as possible. The mock exams are used as an indicator of how well students are achieving, and it should be noted that interventions at faculty/whole college level will be put into place for students who underperform.

The maths faculty operates an open door policy and students are welcome to come and see any Maths teacher during lunchtimes for extra support. There will be a series of more formal revision sessions put on in the lead up to their main exams, but in the meantime we would expect students to use their initiative and seek assistance as and when they feel it necessary.

All year 11 students have been provided log in details for the PiXL Maths App which they can use as a revision aid. As students complete questions on the app, topic descriptors will be colour coded and any identified as red or amber should be where to initially focus revision.

English

The mock exam will test the students on sections of both literature papers. Literature Paper 1 Section B is focused on reading an extract from 'A Christmas Carol', a text we started studying in year 9. Students have to answer a thematic or character based question using the extract and then

considering the novella as a whole. Students have to discuss how Dickens is creating his characters and events, linking to context. The second part of the mock is Literature Paper 2 Section A which is focused on reading an extract from 'Macbeth', a text we started studying in year 10. Students have to answer a thematic or character based question using the extract and then considering the play as a

whole. Students have to discuss how Shakespeare is creating his characters and events, linking to context. Spelling, punctuation and grammar is also assessed in the 'Macbeth' question.

Students should be accessing the revision guides produced by the faculty (available on the student support drives) or asking their teacher for hard copies of practice questions. We expect students to be using their initiative and revising in the run up to these mock exams. As always, students can request extra support from their teachers, although revision will be taking place in classes.

Combined Science and Separate Science

The mock exams will consist of 3 separate papers (Biology, Chemistry and Physics) Combined Science papers are 1hr 15mins and Separate Science papers are 1hr 45mins, a calculator will be required for all science exams. The topics covered include the following:

Working scientifically - applies to all 3 sciences

Biology - B1. Cell biology, B2. Organisation, B3. Infection and response, B4 Bioenergetics

Chemistry - C1. Atomic structure and the periodic table, C2. Bonding, structure, and the properties of matter, C6 Rate and extent of chemical change, C7 Organic chemistry, C8 Chemical analysis, C9 Chemistry of the atmosphere, C10 Using resources

Physics - P1. Energy, P2. Electricity, P3. Particle model of matter, P4. Atomic structure

Students need to ensure that they fully prepare for the mock exams, revision time is planned during science lessons but students need to be revising at home as well. It is strongly advised that all students should purchase a revision guide if they haven't already done so (available from the school shop). Additional resources (mind maps, exam questions) are also available in the GCSE Science revision area on the google drive. The results of the mock exams will be used to confirm tier entry so it is important that students take these mocks exam seriously.

On the campus website <https://brookvalegroby.com/revision-guides/> there is also information on how to revise, our big revision guide and examples of revision timetables all of which your child may find useful in preparing for this week.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely,



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