

23rd November 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

December Mock Exams

We are writing to inform you that the Year 11 Mock examinations will run from **Tuesday 1st December until Monday 14th December 2020**. Please find attached to this letter a copy of the examination timetable. This can also be found on the school website.

These examinations are an important part of your son/daughter's education and should be taken seriously. Not only will this give them a realistic experience of what to expect in the Summer exam diet it, will allow both your child and their teachers to see how well they are progressing in each subject.

This has been an unusual year in education with a lot of uncertainty. At Eastlea we have been working on the assumption that the exams will take place. Recently the Education Secretary has informed schools that GCSE examinations **will go ahead** as normal this year. If however this situation changes then these mock examinations - along with other school work and evidence - may be used to inform any grades that the schools may be asked to submit in lieu of the exams.

Additionally I would like to share with you the expectations that we have at Eastlea when sitting exams - these have been highlighted in a letter to your son/daughter which they received in school. These include:

- Mobile phones are not allowed in the exam hall under any circumstances
- Lateness to an exam may mean an automatic fail
- Any disruptive behaviour that goes against 'Eastlea Expects' will result in immediate removal from the exam hall, time in the internal exclusion room and a possible exclusion

This can be a stressful time for both parents and students. One way you can support is by ensuring that your child is getting enough sleep and has all of the equipment that they need for the exam.

Finally, as some students have had to self isolate and continue their learning online we will ensure that they are not put at a disadvantage compared to those Year 11s who did not have to stay at home.

Thank you for all of your continued support.

Yours Sincerely,



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