

19 October 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

We are incredibly proud of our students in Year 11 they have consistently demonstrated to us a mature and conscientious attitude towards their GCSE studies since returning in September. Next half-term, students will be sitting their first round of GCSE mock examinations in all of their subjects. This is a crucial moment for our students in Year 11, as it is an opportunity for them to experience the examination period ahead of their final GCSE examinations next Summer. It is therefore important that we ensure the mock examinations mirror the final examinations as far as possible.

### **GCSE Mock Examinations – Week Commencing Monday 13 November**

The mock examination period starts week commencing Monday 13 November and will run for two weeks. Mock examinations will take place in examination venues and will be fully invigilated to ensure they are conducted in full examination conditions. Students will receive a paper copy of their personalised mock examination timetable next week. To ensure students are fully prepared, we have also scheduled **'warm up sessions'** with their class teacher ahead of all 'core' subject mock examinations and this is something we will also do for the final GCSE examinations.

### **Preparing for Mock Examinations**

To ensure that every student is fully prepared for their mock examinations, they will be provided with a full revision list for every subject at least four weeks before the examinations on ClassCharts and Microsoft Teams. Students have been provided with revision resources in lessons and have also been receiving lessons on how best to revise for each subject. In addition, many teachers are running additional sessions for students over the October half-term holiday period, and details of these will be shared with you on a further email. Students who attend these sessions will be rewarded by the Year 11 Team.



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It is important to note that all home learning tasks for Year 11, 'Boost & Secure Sessions' and any intervention during the academy day are all focused on preparing for these examinations. Although attending the academy and meeting our expectations daily will mean students have already started preparing, it is also expected that students should be revising independently at home. Please refer back to the information booklet you received on Year 11 Information Evening for further guidance ('Supporting Student Success') alternatively you can visit the following link to listen to a recording of the presentation.

<https://www.thesuttonacademy.org.uk/information-evening>

### **GCSE Mock Results Day - Monday 8 January**

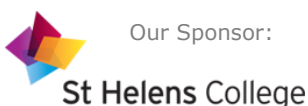
The assessment information we gather from these examinations will be used to create GCSE Mock Results Certificates for all Year 11 students. This will give the students a GCSE grade in each subject; which they are expected to achieve if they continue to work at the same standard they are currently working at. Students will receive their results certificate during a celebratory assembly on Monday 8 January. For students who are eligible, they will receive a conditional offer for the academy Sixth Form, and also an offer of the 'High Achievers Scholarship' if applicable. This day is an exciting opportunity to recognise and reward those students who have worked hard for their mock examinations, and we will celebrate their efforts and achievements on our website and social media too.

We are very proud of the support we offer our Year 11 students and are confident that we can provide students with the opportunities and encouragement they need to reach their full potential. We hope that we can work in strong partnership with parents/carers to achieve this.

Please do not hesitate to contact me, or a member of the Year 11 Team, if you have any questions about the GCSE mock examination process.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Grace  
Vice Principal



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