

23rd November 2016

Dear Parents(s) / Carer(s)

Year 11 Mock Exams – December 2016

I am writing to inform you that all students in Year 11 will be completing mock GCSE exams across all subjects in December 2016. The exams will begin on **Wednesday 7th December** and run until **Tuesday 20th December**. Tuesday 20th December will be their last day of term and they are not expected to attend school on Wednesday 21st December. Please see a copy of the timetable which is attached to this letter. You can also find this published on the Academy website.

In order to ensure the mock experience is as realistic as possible, students are **only** expected to attend the Academy for their examinations. They should only come on site if they have an exam, ready for the official line-up time. Once they have finished their exams, they will be expected to leave the site and return home straight away. In instances where students have more than one exam on the same day, we will provide space for them to study in between exams and the usual lunchtime arrangements will be in place. If your son/daughter is eligible for free school meals, but does not have an afternoon exam, a packed lunch will be provided. In addition, if you would like your son/daughter to stay on site at any other times during the mock season, please could you email me with the dates/times and we will ensure they have a supervised place to study. When not in examinations, they should be using the time to revise and prepare for their remaining papers. It is important that students take these mocks seriously, as this will be their only chance to practise being in full exam conditions before their official exams begin in May 2017.

If we feel that students are failing to behave in a sensible and mature way in the community then they will need to remain in the Academy completing silent study. The results of these exams will inform the predicted grades given to the exam boards, be used for their sixth form and college applications, and also guide teachers in terms of deciding on tiers of entry (higher or foundation) for certain courses.

In order for the students to complete the exams, we are asking that they bring their own exam equipment with them. This should be in a clear pencil case or plastic bag with all stationery items such as black pens, pencils, ruler, compasses and an eraser. Students should also ensure that they have a scientific calculator as this can be used in a number of exams such as Mathematics, Science and Business Studies. For more information about what they can and cannot bring into the exam rooms, please read the JCQ Information for candidates' sheet, also attached to this letter.

The results from these exams will be distributed on **Wednesday 11th January 2017** where all students will be given a results sheet showing what they have achieved in their mock exams. They will bring this home to share with you and these results can then be discussed with their teachers the following day at the Year 11 Parents' Consultation Evening.

Another fact to draw to your attention is that all students who are studying Creative iMedia will be having an official exam in January 2017, which counts towards their final grade for the subject. This will be on the morning of Tuesday 10th January 2017 and all Creative iMedia students must attend.

Thank you for all of your support and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely



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