

Year 11 Mock Exams

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils of Year 11

Year 11 students are now very much on the run up to GCSEs and we thought it would be useful to share with you what this half term has in store for students and provide you with key dates throughout the remainder of this year.

Mock Examinations

GCSE mocks start on Friday 29th November and continue for the following two weeks. These examinations are important as they give students experience of how to prepare for, and complete examinations successfully. Supporting your child in their preparation for these examinations will be very helpful to them, please refer to the parent advice booklet you received at the information evening last week or direct from your child if you were unable to attend. A copy of this booklet has been attached to this update for your information.

We are very aware examinations can be a stressful time and so the mock exams provide students an opportunity to find out what happens, how they feel and discuss any worries or concerns with staff. During the mock period, teachers will not be setting homework to allow students to revise independently.

You can find your child's personal mock exam timetable on Arbor. To view this please click on the grid lines bottom left of the app which will open quick actions. Click on the examinations tab, from here you will be able to view the mock examinations timetable for your child and download a copy should you wish.

The mock examinations will follow the same protocols as the final examinations. Students will need to follow all of the rules and regulations of the exams exactly as if they were sitting their final examinations in May and June. It is important to note that students will need a clear plastic case for their writing equipment, they will not be able to bring mobile phones, smart watches or any other internet enabled device into the examination room.

Revision sessions have already started, students should continue to make full use of these in the lead up to the mock examination period.

Future Dates

Mock results will be published at the end of January following a period of marking and moderation. There will be an intervention evening for parents of students where progress is a concern on Thursday 30th January. The Year 11 Parents' Evening will be on Thursday 6th March.

The written GCSEs will start on Thursday 8th May. The actual dates for the GCSEs will be confirmed soon and individual timetables will be available from early January. The contingency date is set for Wednesday 25th June, and this is the date that you should work to as the last day that an examination may happen. It has been known for planned examinations that are scheduled for earlier in May or June to be cancelled and moved to the contingency day, so please do keep this date free and refrain

from booking any holidays. Students must sit their exams at the correct time on the set date so please do avoid booking any appointments during this period.

In addition to the written GCSEs there will be a number of formal assessments. These dates are subject to change, however, we are planning for the following:

Food Practical – first week of March

- French speaking exams – 8/9/10 April
- Art – 3rd to 9th April
- Drama – We are awaiting the dates from the board but the practical exams will take place before the terminal GCSEs start.
- GCSE PE – again we are awaiting the dates from the board.

Prom

You may like to note that the prom will be held on Friday 20th June 2025. This is always a wonderful occasion and a fitting time for many to mark their time at Lacon Childe School and celebrate the end of their exams. Attending is a privilege and nearer the time students and parents will be advised of the details.

Kind regards,

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