



# ST. AIDAN'S

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

November 2015

Dear Parent/Carer

## Year 11 Mock Examinations December 2015

December will see the Year 11 pupils undergo a series of important mock examinations. They are an excellent opportunity for pupils to experience formal, timetabled examinations ahead of their terminal GCSE examinations in May and June. They are a very useful learning experience, enabling pupils to undergo the pressures and potential difficulties of succeeding with the terminology and content of a 'real' GCSE exam. The papers which pupils will sit are genuine past-paper questions and will be marked to exam board standard.

Results are useful for pupil-teacher discussions and when preparing reports to parents in February. They will also be taken into account when generating predicted grades. Pupils will be aware that thorough preparation for these exams is a key to being successful; they have received input from form teachers about a variety of revision strategies and subject staff will also help to direct them to the content that should be revised ahead of their exams.

This year the mock examinations will run from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> until Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December. Students will attend timetabled lessons in between exams where directed revision will occur. An examination timetable is on the reverse of this letter and should be referred to with care to ensure that all pupils attend the correct exam at the scheduled time. In the morning, go to registration as normal then without delay make your way to Constance Green Hall or relevant classroom for 9am ready to begin the exam at 9.15. In the afternoon be outside the venue at 1.15pm for 1.30pm. Some points to consider during the mock examination period are listed below:

- The start times indicated on the timetable are not arrival times. Pupils should arrive early to ensure that they are prepared for the scheduled start of the exam
- Pupils should remember to bring the equipment needed for each exam e.g. black ink pens, calculator, coloured pencils, ruler etc.
- The exams will be held in Constance Green Hall. Seating plans will be displayed in the entrance and detail pupil seat numbers. The seating is in teaching group order. Further seating plans will be posted at the main reception and outside the exams office opposite Chemistry 2 laboratory
- Pupils should wear school uniform as normal
- At the end of the examination all pupils will return to their timetabled lessons
- Coats cannot be taken into the exam area and as storage space is limited in the hall foyer, they will be stored in Pe2 which will then be locked.
- The normal rules for conduct within public examinations must be adhered to. **Pupils are reminded that any mobile phones iPlayers etc. must be switched off at all times and left outside the exam hall or handed over to an invigilator.**

You may notice an exam clash (two exams at the same time). Where this happens, one exam will be moved to a different session on the same or following day and those concerned will get a separate letter about this. If it does not arrive within one week of receiving this letter, I need to be notified immediately.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact either myself or the Head of Year, Mr Bean.

Yours faithfully

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## Y11 December 2015 Mocks

Date	Venue	Morning		Afternoon
Monday 7th	CGH	R.S. OCR 2 x 1hr papers		Geography paper 1
		9.15 - 11.30		1.30 - 3.00
		R.S. AQA 2 x 1hr papers		
		9.15 - 11.30		
Tuesday 8th	CGH	Maths		Geography paper 2
		paper 1 9.15 - 10.15		1.30 - 2.15
		then		
		paper 2 10.30 - 11.45		
Wednesday 9th	CGH	History paper 1		History paper 2
		9.15 - 11.00		1.30 - 2.40
Thursday 10th	CGH	English/English Language		Biology
		9.15 - 11.30		1.30 - 3.15
				Single & Dual Award
				1.30 - 2.45
Friday 11th	CGH	Chemistry		Physics
		9.15 - 11.00		1.30 - 3.15
		Dual Award		
		9.15 - 10.45		
Monday 14th	CGH	Product Design		Drama
		9.15 - 11.15		1.30 - 3.00
		Food Tech.		Business Studies
		9.15 - 11.15		1.30 - 3.00
		Textiles		
		9.15 - 11.15		
Tuesday 15th	CGH	Dance		Engineering
		9.15 - 10.15		1.30 - 2.30
	Some pupils will have a clash with PE, Dance and Computing and a letter will follow explaining the arrangements	Computing		Health & Social Care
		9.15 - 10.45		1.30 - 2.45
		P.E.		Dance clash
		9.15 - 10.45		1.30 - 2.30
				Computing clash
				1.30 - 2.45
Wednesday 16th	MFL rooms	French listening	MFL rooms	Spanish listening
		9.15 - 9.55 foundation		1.30 - 2.05 foundation
		9.15 - 10.05 higher		1.30 - 2.20 higher
		then		then
		French reading		Spanish reading
		10.05 - 10.35 foundation		2.15 - 2.45 foundation
		10.15 - 11.05 higher		2.30 - 3.20 higher
Thursday 17th	MFL rooms	German listening	Music rooms	Music listening
		9.15 - 9.55 foundation		1.30 - 2.30
		9.15 - 10.05 higher		
		then		
		German reading		
		10.05 - 10.35 foundation		
		10.15 - 11.05 higher		