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Dear parents and carers

## Year 11 mock exams – Autumn 2023

Year 11 will be sitting mock examinations for core subjects (English, Maths and Science) on some mornings during October.

The timetable for mock exams is as follows:

Date	Paper	Duration
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Maths paper 1 non- calculator	1 hour 30 min
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Maths paper 2 calculator	1 hour 30 min
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	English Literature paper 2	2 hours 15 mins
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Biology Triple	1 hour 45 mins
	Biology Combined Science (Trilogy)	1 hour 15 mins
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Chemistry Triple	1 hour 45 mins
	Chemistry Combined Science (Trilogy)	1 hour 15 mins
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Physics Triple	1 hour 45 mins
	Physics Combined Science (Trilogy)	1 hour 15 mins

These are an opportunity to provide both students and teachers alike with information regarding individuals' knowledge and understanding before the summer examination season. Additionally, mock exams are used to provide predicted grades to support sixth form / further education applications. It is therefore imperative that students take the mock examinations very seriously both in terms of their preparation and conduct.

There are some basic expectations that all students will be expected to follow. These are an opportunity to practise key routines that will apply during the vital summer examination period.

- Students should arrive at normal time and go straight to their tutor group where they will be registered
- Students will walk to their exam venue and their bag will be locked away in a secure space
- Mobile phones and smart watches need to be switched off and placed in their bag
- Water bottles can be taken into exam venues but must be see-through with no labels on them



- All students will be given a chance to go to the toilet before the exam should they
  need it. However, students with a toilet pass will be allowed to use the facilities as
  needed.
- Students must enter the exam venue in silence and not communicate with each other in any way

Any talking or communication between students at any time in the exam hall will result in the student being asked to leave, and then:

- They will complete their exam paper in reflection
- They will sit a 60 minute after-school detention on the same day

In summer, students would be disqualified from that exam for talking in the exam hall, including any further exams managed by the same exam board. This runs the risk of jeopardizing their GCSE results and future prospects. Your support in communicating this message to students is appreciated.

We thank you for your support at home as students continue their exam revision and preparation during this important year in the academic journey.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at the academy.

Yours sincerely,

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