

Year 11 Mock Examinations

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to you to share a letter written from JCQ (Joint Council for Qualifications) for students and parents with regards to summer examinations. The full letter can be found at the link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/open-letters-arrangements-for-gcses-as-and-a-levels-in-2022/letter-to-students>

Below is an extract from the letter;

'Though we expect exams to go ahead as planned, if the 2022 exams cannot go ahead due to further Covid disruption, your grades will instead be determined by your teachers, using a Teacher Assessed Grade (TAG) approach. We have published our decisions about this approach following a public consultation, which included students. This means that your teachers will gather evidence, through assessments, to help them determine Teacher Assessed Grades (TAGs) if exams do not take place.

For many of you this year will be your first experience of formal exams. We don't want to add to your workload, which is why any additional assessments should help you prepare for your exams, and not create a distraction.'

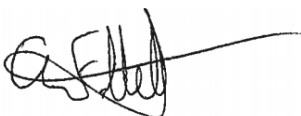
This reinforces the importance of the 2 sets of mock examinations that students will sit in both December and March. Monday sees the start of our first set of Year 11 Mock Examinations. All students have received their exam timetable and seating arrangements. The mocks will be as similar to the real thing as possible. Students have received the examination guidance regarding protocols, mobile phones and smart watches in assemblies. The exams will be blind marked by teachers and then externally moderated from outside of the College to ensure the grades we award students for these mocks are both fair and accurate. The results will be shared when we return in January.

Please encourage the students to get some good rest in preparation for the mock exams. Research shows the importance of a good breakfast (students are welcome in College from 7:45 to help themselves to a free breakfast and then revise in the Common Room). It is crucial that students are punctual as the exams will always begin on time as we use external invigilators.

To support students we have already given them revision guides, revision timetables and also personal learning checklists to ensure they are revising the right things. In addition, we have a team available to support with exam anxieties for those students who feel they want to talk to somebody about exams or their future. Please don't hesitate to contact us to put that support in place.

Thank you for your continued support and we wish every student the very best for the mock examinations.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Craig Follett', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Craig Follett
Vice Principal