

7th November 2024

Dear Parents/carers,



Community College

As we enter the second half of the first term in year 11 it is essential all students continue to prepare for their GCSE exams.

To help support and prepare your son/daughter for their exams later in the academic year we are planning on completing their second set of mock exams. These will start on November 21st. The exams programme (attached on the back of this letter) will include exams for most GCSE subjects.

In order to be successful in their exams staff are going through exam papers and revision questions in lessons. Students also need to ensure they are revising at home by completing exam questions, online homework, using revision flashcards and making comprehensive notes in their homework books.

To give students further experience of what an exam season feels like, results will be sent home during the final week of term before the Christmas break. Any students who have concerns or worries regarding their results should contact their head of year and we will arrange a meeting to discuss them to help to allay any concerns and work out the best way forward to assist the student in the lead up to the next set of Mock Exams in March and the Live Exams in May.

Some ways to support your child with revision can be found here on our school website:

[Revision guidance for parents](#)

Here are some easy things you can do to help your child

Top 10 tips to support your child with revision

- Being a role model - Help support them with revision by asking them questions, reading their notes and listening to them.
- Help them set goals - Encourage them to keep their goals planner visible – e.g. printed and displayed on their bedroom wall. Help focus them and talk to them about their goals regularly
- Keep them active - Encourage them to keep active on a daily basis
- Healthy eating - Encourage them to eat breakfast everyday Eating the right food and drink can energise your system, improve alertness and sustain your child through the long exams
- Time out - Encourage them to build in opportunities to take some time out every week, away from study
- Sleep patterns - Young people need between 8 – 9 hours sleep per night
- Unplugging - Encourage them to unplug from technology everyday. Help them switch off from technology at least 30 mins- 1 hr before going to sleep
- Staying cool & calm - Promote a balance of their academic studies & other activities during the week
- Belief - Give them positive reinforcement
- Be supportive

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This is the first real set of mock exams and is a vital stepping stone in preparing them for the real exams later in the academic year. If you have any questions or concerns please contact your son/daughter's tutor or Head of Year.

Yours faithfully



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Deputy Headteacher

Stoke Damerel Community College November/December 2024 Mock Exam Timetable

	9:00	11:30	14:00
Thurs 21st Nov	Art		
Fri 22nd Nov	Art		
Mon 25th Nov	English Language 1hr 45mins	Health & Social Care 2hrs	Hospitality & Catering 1hr 20mins
Tue 26th Nov	Maths P1 1hr 30mins		Computer Science P1 1hr 30mins
Weds 27th Nov	Science Biology 1hr 15mins Separate Biology 1hr 45mins		Business 1hr 45mins
Thurs 28th Nov	English Literature 2hr 15mins		Geography 1hr 30mins
Friday 29th November	Science Chemistry 1hr 15mins Separate Chemistry 1hr 45mins	Child Development 2hrs	
Tue 3rd Dec	Maths P2 1hr 30mins	Computer Science P2 60 mins	Religious Studies P1 1hr 45mins
Weds 4th Dec	History 1hr 50mins		French Reading/Listening 45mins /1hr
Thurs 5th Dec	Science Physics 1hr 15mins Separate Physics 1hr 45mins		Sociology 1hr 45mins
Fri 6th Dec	Maths P3 1hr 30mins	French Writing 1hr 20mins	
Mon 9th Dec	Photography 5hrs 11:30 - 13:30 - French Speaking		