

Monday, 19th October 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 Core Examination Monday 2nd November and Wednesday 4th November 2020

Firstly and most importantly, I hope you and your loved ones are well.

This letter is to inform you that all Year 11 students will be undertaking core examinations on Monday 2nd November and Wednesday 4th November. These trial exams are an opportunity for students to revise and consolidate their knowledge, develop examination skills and experience examination conditions. They should be treated as a serious and important part of the build-up to the summer examinations.

You will also be aware of the current uncertainty about exams in Summer 2021 and as such, we need to ensure that we have a strong evidence base in the event that we need to submit centre-assessed grades again. Examination grades, along with class and independent work, were all vital in helping us to formulate our grades last summer.

Before half-term, students will be given a personalised timetable along with specific guidance on what and how they should revise in each subject from their teachers. All students in Year 11 have been provided with revision guides, past examination papers and some have textbooks to support them with revision. For non-examined subjects, additional work will be set for completion over the half-term. Students are also advised to access to GCSE Pod, Teams, Hegarty Maths and Educake to help them with guided revision.

Students are expected to arrive to school at their normal time and ready to start at 8.40am. They will require black pens, pencil, ruler and a calculator for Maths exams. Students must wear full school uniform for the examinations. Examinations will take place in classrooms, allowing the school to continue to keep all students in their allocated 'bubble', as per our existing Covid-19 measures.

There will be some minor adjustments to lunch and break times, but the school day will otherwise remain unchanged.

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

Regards



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Year 11 Student Information - Core Assessments November 2020

Please see below information from the Heads of English, Maths and Science about your upcoming core assessments. If you have any questions about the assessments, please speak to your class teacher.

English

You will sit English Language Paper 1: Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing.

The examination is 1 hour 45 minutes.

You will have an extract from an unseen fiction text. You will have one hour to answer four questions on this extract, and then 45 minutes to write a creative response to a visual stimulus.

What you can do to revise:

1. Use your English Language revision books to revise English Language Paper 1. Familiarise yourself with the type of questions that you will be asked. Look at model responses.
2. Make flashcards for each question.
3. Watch GCSE Pod videos on English Language Paper 1 and make notes and flashcards.
4. Use your flashcards to test yourself.

Mathematics

You will sit a Paper 1 (non-calculator) paper. The exam is 1 hour 30 minutes.

What you can do to revise:

- Use your Maths revision guide to help you with topics that you are unsure of, and find those topics by searching for them on Hegarty Maths.
- Search for and attempt past exam questions (the exam board we use is Edexcel)
- The exam could ask you questions about **any topic**; try to cover as many topics from your revision guide as possible.

Science

You will sit three Science papers.

Each exam will be 1 hour 15 minutes. Please see the topics to revise below.

Use your workbooks to revise. Make flashcards and watch GCSE Pod videos to test your knowledge.

Biology	Chemistry	Physics
☐ Cell biology	☐ Atomic structure and the periodic table	☐ Energy
☐ Organisation	☐ Bonding, structure, and the properties of matter	☐ Electricity
☐ Infection and response	☐ Quantitative chemistry	☐ Particle model of matter
☐ Bioenergetics	☐ Chemical changes	☐ Atomic structure
	☐ Energy changes	

YEAR 11 CORE ASSESSMENT TIMETABLE – STUDENT VERSION

Please see your core assessment timetable below. All of your assessments will take place in your timetabled classroom.

	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4
Monday 2 nd November First Break	X English Y Maths English Language Paper 1 (1hr45)	X Maths Y English (English Language Paper 1 cont)	X Geo / His / MFL Y Geo / His / MFL NORMAL LESSON	X HAL Y Science Science Biology Paper 1 (1hr15)
Wednesday 4 th November First Break	X Science Y RE Science Chemistry Paper 1 (1hr15) NORMAL LESSON	X English Y Maths Maths Non Calculator Paper (1hr30)	X Maths Y English (Maths Paper cont)	X RE Y Science Science Physics Paper 1 (1hr15)
Thursday 5 th November	X Option 1 Y Option 1 NORMAL LESSON	X Option 2 Y Option 2 NORMAL LESSON	X English Y Maths NORMAL LESSON	X Science Y HAL NORMAL LESSON
Friday 6 th November	X Option 1 Y Option 1 NORMAL LESSON	X Option 2 Y Option 2 NORMAL LESSON	X Maths Y English NORMAL LESSON	X RE Y Science NORMAL LESSON