



Monday 7th October 2024

Year 11 GCSE Mock Exams
Commencing 14th – 21st October

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please be aware that all Year 11 pupils will be sitting their first Year 11 GCSE mock exams in the up and coming weeks. The timetable for this is below.

There are two main aims for the mock exams. Firstly, it allows pupils and staff to experience what the real exams will be like. We know that pupils are more comfortable and confident if they know what to expect when being examined. We as staff can also see if we need to adapt any of our processes. Secondly, it allows teacher and pupils to see how much of the Year 10 and Year 11 curriculum they have learnt and what gaps we need to continue to work on.

All exams will be held in the sports hall. The week beginning 14th October will become a 2-1-2 day. This means pupils will have periods 1 and 2, break, period 3, lunch, then periods 4 and 5. This means exams will run as AM sessions and PM sessions, as they will in the summer. Pupils will be expected to go to their normal period 3 lessons. If your child has exam access arrangement these will be put in place.

You may notice that not all subjects have an exam. These subjects will be assessing pupils within class. The class teacher will let them know what is happening.

Option A	Art - no exam during this time (full-day exam instead - Autumn 2)
	Graphics - no exam during this time (full-day exam instead Autumn 2)
	IT : no mock exam - preparation for NEA in normal classroom
	Media : no mock exam - preparation for NEA in normal classroom
Option B	Art - no exam during this time (full-day exam instead Autumn 2)
	Graphics - no exam during this time (full-day exam instead Autumn 2)
	IT : no mock exam - preparation for NEA in normal classroom
	Media : no mock exam - preparation for NEA in normal classroom
	Music : in Music room
	Textiles - no exam during this time (full-day exam instead Autumn 2)
Option C & D	Graphics - no exam during this time (full-day exam instead Autumn 2)
Option E & F	Tri Sci* - lessons to take place at this time - rooms to be arranged
	All exams are 90 mins, except Triple Science = 1h 45mins
	Fr/Sp listening and speaking - separate arrangements.

I will be talking to pupils in assemblies to ensure they fully understand what is expected of them.

As parents and carers please can I ask the following:

1. Speak through and map out when your child has their exams. Writing these into their planners is a great way of allowing pupils to see when they are happening.
2. Speak to your child about trying their best in all exams. These grades will be used in their next steps applications and is an opportunity for your child to show us their best which is all we can ask of pupils.



3. Use this time to get your child to carry out some revision. [See attached revision powerpoint.](#)
4. Buy revision guides via Wise pay – [Wootton Academy Trust - Wootton Academy Trust - Home Page \(wisepay.co.uk\)](#) If you need to reset your WisePay details please email accounts@wootton.beds.sch.uk
5. Ensure your child has a good night's sleep – screens away early and some downtime, before a 'not-too-late' bedtime.
6. Make sure they have a healthy breakfast.
7. Avoid making any appointments or taking your child out of school during this time.
8. If you are worried about your child, then please do get in contact with their form tutor in the first instance.

Yours sincerely

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Year 11 Mock Exam Timetable - October 2024					
Week beginning 14th October					
Year 11	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
P1	Option A: Art, Computing, Dance, DT, Geography, Graphics, History, IT, Media, Music, Spanish.	Religious Studies (non GCSE PRE in normal lessons)	Option E and F: Tri Sci*, Drama, Geography, History, Sport	Option C and D: Child Dev, French, Geography, Graphics, History, Sport	Science Paper 2
P2					
break					
P3	Normal lessons	Normal lessons	Normal lessons	Normal lessons	Normal lessons
lunch					
P4	English	Science Paper 1	Maths Paper 1	Option B: Art, Child Dev, Computing, Dance, DT, Geography, Graphics, History, IT, Media, Music, Spanish, Textiles	Maths Paper 2
P5					
Week beginning 21st October					
Year 11	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
P1	Science Paper 3				
P2					
break					
P3					
lunch					
P4					
lunch					
P5					