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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Year 11 Internal Exams**

Please find enclosed with this letter a copy of the Year 11 internal exam timetable for the week commencing **6<sup>th</sup> March**. Students will be sitting these exams under full GCSE exam conditions which we hope will help prepare them for their final GCSE exams in the summer.

Exams will take place under exam conditions; the papers will be slightly shorter than the real thing and will test students on areas of the curriculum which have already been covered. Students who have been assessed as needing additional time, etc., will be able to use those arrangements. The exam papers will use questions from previous papers and they will be marked using the exam board mark schemes, so that we can gain as accurate a picture as possible of progress and attainment.

**It is critical that students take these exams very seriously and revise as thoroughly as they would for the real exam.**

These exams are the second set of internal exams that Year 11 will have taken this year, the results will allow us to show progress over a period of several months; it will also ensure that every student has an opportunity to show his or her best work and that we are able to see clearly where there might be gaps in learning or understanding.

A copy of the March exam timetable can be found below. Students will need to make sure that they come fully equipped to each exam, e.g. two black biros, pencil, calculator and so on. They should have their equipment in a clear see through bag or pencil case. Mobile phones or smart watches are not allowed in the examination room.

The timetable does not leave a great deal of time for revision between exams, but that can happen - there have been occasions during previous GCSE periods when there have been one or even two exams on three consecutive days. **Please note that, just as in the “real thing” there is no study leave** – students will be expected to be in lessons when they are not in exams. Absence during this period will not be authorised unless there is a clear medical reason.

In order to have time to discuss results with you and to offer support or advice for any “catch-up” work that needs to take place, we have arranged a special evening, in person meeting for parents and carers of Year 11 students on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March from 4:30pm – 6:30pm**. This is an important opportunity to meet with

subject teachers to discuss your child's progress and we hope that as many parents and carers as possible will attend. Appointments sheets will be sent out nearer the time.

I look forward to seeing you on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

Yours sincerely,

*S. L. Gaston.*

Mrs Sue Gaston  
Head Teacher

### Year 11 Exams

| Date                            | Exam             | Time           |
|---------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> March    | English Language | Period 1 and 2 |
|                                 | Triple Science   | Period 3 and 4 |
|                                 |                  |                |
| Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March   | Maths            | Period 1 and 2 |
|                                 | Science          | Period 3 and 4 |
|                                 |                  |                |
| Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March | History          | Period 1 and 2 |
|                                 | Food             | Period 3 and 4 |
|                                 | Imedia           | Period 3 and 4 |
|                                 | Science          | Period 5 and 6 |
|                                 |                  |                |
| Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> March  | Construction     | Period 1 and 2 |
|                                 | Spanish          | Period 1 and 2 |
|                                 | French           | Period 1 and 2 |
|                                 | Geography        | Period 3 and 4 |
|                                 |                  |                |
| Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> March   | Music            | Period 1 and 2 |