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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Year 11 Mock Examinations Information

Your child will be taking mock examinations over a 2 week period, commencing 2nd November through to 13th November. You will find the exam timetable attached to this letter.

Our vision is to improve the life chances of every student, and we know that these examinations give essential practice for the real GCSE examinations in the summer of 2027. They also allow us to measure progress and help to identify any students that need extra support. The teaching and interventions will be tailored to the gaps in the students' knowledge, and we will be able to make gains in the areas required.

We aim to make the experience as authentic as possible. All examinations will take place in the Sports Hall or Gym. I will share the expectations for the entry and exit to exams in an assembly, but please help us to ensure that your child is aware of the following rules:

- Students must arrive on time for the start of exams.
- Students are not permitted to communicate with each other in any way whilst in the examination room.
- Students must remain silent whilst in the examination room.
- Food, sweets or chewing gum are not allowed in any examination. Students may bring a drink (water only) in a clear plastic bottle with a screw top and label removed.
- Students must only bring authorised equipment into the examination room. This includes pens, pencils, rulers and calculators (if allowed). The equipment should be in a clear pencil case or bag.
- Students must not bring any unauthorised devices or materials into the examination room. This includes mobile phones and other digital devices, watches, bracelets and revision notes.
- Unauthorised devices or materials must be left in bags or coat pockets or handed in before the examinations start. Bags and coats will be locked away in a separate area.
- Once papers are collected students must return to their normal lessons.
- If students are not in a timetabled exam, they will be in lessons as normal.

We are excited to see what this year group is capable of and look forward to working with you to ensure their success. Please encourage your child to prepare for these examinations. We are holding an evening on Wednesday 14th October running through ways you can help your child, it starts at 4:30 here at CoDA.

Please use this QR code for some handy revision material!

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. J. Green - Assistant Head - Assessment, Exams, Reporting

		WEEK B				
	SLT & Notes	**P1**	**P2**	**P3**	**P4**	**P5**
Students to make sure that electronic devices are off and in their bag. Students to go to the hall for a PEP from HODs. Move through to exam spaces when dismissed. Examiners will instruct them to put their bags in the bag store the back of the sports hall and direct them to their seat. Students will go back to their timetabled lesson when the exam is finished.						
2nd November 2026		**English Language Paper 2** - 1hr45mins			**Science** - Biology Higher and Foundation - 45mins	
	Normal lessons & Instructions	Lineup as normal, JGR in hall HDU PEP A-English, B-Science	JGR on exit straight to P3 A-Science, B-PE	A-Maths, B-English	Lineup normal in Yard. JGR & Science PEP A-Science, B-Maths	On-call usher to X-Options
3rd November 2026		**Maths** - Non-Calculator Higher and Foundation - 1hr30mins			**MOVED FROM 13th November - Food and Cookery** 1hr30mins • Y/Z	
	Normal lessons & Instructions	Lineup as normal, JGR in hall CHO (longer) PEP A-PE, B-English	Exit into Hall, extra break before P3. P2 Teachers to supervise. A-Maths, B-Science	Z-Options	A-English, B-Maths	Y-Options
4th November 2026		**English Literature** - 2hr15mins				
	Normal lessons & Instructions	Lineup as normal, JGR in hall HDU (longer) PEP A-English, B-Science	X-Options	Exit into P3. Maths and PE staff to be down in corridor and walk up. A-Maths, B-PE	A-English, B-Maths	Y-Options
5th November 2026		**Science** - Chemistry Higher and Foundation - 45mins			**French** Listening 50mins • X **German** Listening 50mins • X	
	Normal lessons & Instructions	Lineup as normal, JGR in hall EWI (longer) PEP A-Science, B-Maths	Exit into Z-Options Z-Options	A-Maths, B-Science	Line up in Yard - SLT to bring through to hall, then move through to rooms. X-Options	A-English, B-English
6th November 2026	**iGCSE** Speaking appointments P1-P5	**Geography** 2hrs • X/Z **Music - In A11** 1hr15mins • Z			**Engineering Design** 1hr15mins • Y/Z • starts P4	
	Normal lessons & Instructions	Lineup as normal, JGR in hall Z-Options	Year 8 Music move A11 > F12 A-Science, B-RE	Exit into P3 A-PE, B-RE	Line up in Yard - JGR to bring through to hall. Dismiss into rooms. A-RE, B-Maths	Y/Z Design late into lessons. On call to meet A-Science, B-PE
		WEEK A				
		P1	**P2**	**P3**	**P4**	**P5**
9th November 2026		**Maths** - Calculator Higher and Foundation - 1hr:30mins				
	Normal lessons & Instructions	Lineup as normal, JGR in hall CHO (longer) PEP A-Maths, B-English	Exit into Hall, extra break before P3. P2 Teachers to supervise. A-Science, B-Maths	X-Options	A-English, B-Maths	A-Maths, B-Science
10th November 2026		**Construction** - 1hr30mins • Y **Childcare** - 1hr30mins • Y **Vocational ICT** - 1hr20mins • Y				
	Normal lessons & Instructions	Lineup as normal, SLT ?? in hall Y-Options	Exit late into X-Options. On call to usher X-Options	A-Maths, B-English	A-English, B-Science	A-Science, B-RE
11th November 2026	**French & German** Speaking appointments P1-P5	**History** Paper 3 1hr20mins • X/Z			**Science** - Physics Higher and Foundation - 45mins	
	Normal lessons & Instructions	Lineup as normal, JGR in hall Z-Options	Exit late into Y-Options. On call to usher Y-Options	A-English, B-Science	Line up in Yard - JGR to bring through to hall. PEP EWi A-Science, B-English	A-PE, B-Science
12th November 2026		**Business** Paper 1 1hr45mins • X **French, German, iGCSE** reading & writing 2hrs • X **Religious Studies** 1hr45mins • X				
	Normal lessons & Instructions	Lineup as normal, SLT ?? in hall X-Options	A-RE, B-Science	Exit straight into. On Call to usher Y-Options	A-Science, B-English	Z-Options
13th November 2026		**Engineering Manufacture** 1hr15mins • X/Y **MOVED FROM 11th November - Health and Social Care** 1hr30mins • X/Z **I S-F** Engineering And Health and Social Care in one sitting				
	Normal lessons & Instructions	Lineup as normal, JGR in hall. PEP JGR PSHE	Exit into Y-Options. On call to usher Y-Options	A-English, B-Maths		