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Dear Parent/Guardian,

## Year 11 Mock Examinations Information

Your child will be taking examinations for their GCSEs in less than 2 months. The exams will run from Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May until Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June. You will find the exam timetable attached to this letter. Our vision is to improve the life chances of every student, and this letter will explain some of the things you can expect from us as a school, and in turn what we expect from you as parent/guardian.

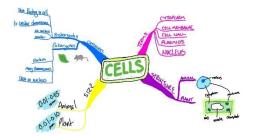
The year 11 tutor team has been working hard to teach the students revision and time management techniques in the last term, and the students did a fantastic job in their latest mock examinations. During the week beginning 17/03/2025 you will receive a report detailing how well they did in the mocks. Please use this as a chance to encourage and challenge your son/daughter.

There will be intervention sessions happening throughout the Easter holidays, please see the schedule at the end of this letter. Students will sign up to these in class. Breakfast clubs and additional revision sessions will be put in place before the exams, more information will follow closer to the time. Throughout the year there have been sessions after school, and these will continue right up until the exam season. Please try to make arrangements so your son/daughter can attend these and the Easter sessions.

	TUESDAY 3:10-4:10	WEDNESDAY 3:10-4:10	THURSDAY 3:10-4:10	FRIDAY 3:10-3:40
WEEK 1	Maths	X,Y,Z Option	English Language	Science
WEEK 2	Science	X,Y,Z Option	English Literature	Maths

I was glad to have time in assembly last week to guide the Y11 students through some techniques to revise well. Testing themselves regularly and starting to revise **now** is so important. Past papers and flashcards can help students to find out what they don't know and the struggle of trying to remember is integral to their brain making connections.





Using mind maps to structure the information they are trying to remember can also help move knowledge into their long-term memory.

Choosing a technique to revise with is not as important as the care that students take of themselves though. They should already be in a regular pattern of good sleep, eating well, and structuring revision into their daily lives.

## CoDA is committed to;

- Providing revision materials on Microsoft Teams, printed and here [QR Code].
- After school revision sessions every Tuesday Friday.
- A well run examination space, and arrangements around the exams to make students exam period as stress-free as possible .
- Additional Easter sessions to help students make progress.
- Identifying areas that students are not confident in and intervening to re-teach and support.

## We ask parents/guardians to;

- Ensure good sleep and nutrition at home.
- Provide a quiet space to revise in.
- Make sure that students get to school on time, especially during the exams.
- Ensure that students attend all of their examinations. There are no real allowances for illness or even family bereavement.
- Praise and celebrate their son/daughter when they do revision at home, and encourage a regular revision schedule. We have sent home an A4 booklet to help with the planning of revision.

There are exams on twice a day during the exam period. These are the exams that **all** of the students are taking, please make special note of these. The students now have a fully personalised timetable that was handed out in form time.

Monday, 12 May English Literature Paper 1
Tuesday, 13 May Biology P1 H&F - 1hr15m
Thursday, 15 May Mathematics Paper 1 H&F - 1hr30m
Monday, 19 May Chemistry P1 H&F - 1hr15m
Tuesday, 20 May English Literature P2 - 2hr15m
Thursday, 22 May Physics P1 H&F - 1hr15m
Friday, 23 May English Language P1 - 1hr45m

Wednesday, 04 June Mathematics Paper 2 H&F - 1hr30m Friday, 06 June English Language P2 - 1hr45m Monday, 09 June Biology P2 H&F - 1hr15m Wednesday, 11 June Mathematics Paper 3 H&F - 1hr30m Friday, 13 June Chemistry P2 H&F - 1hr15m Monday, 16 June Physics P2 H&F - 1hr15m

Students have revision materials supplied in class and uploaded to Teams (teams.microsoft.com). Keep a watch on the exams section of the website and social media for more resources and information.

GOOD LUCK YEAR 11! Yours faithfully,



Mr. J. Green - Assistant Head

	Easter Holiday Week 1									
	9-10am	10-11am	11-12pm	12-1pm	1-2pm	2-3pm				
Monday, 07 April	Food NEA AHo	Food NEA AHo	Food NEA AHo	iMedia NEA LSt	iMedia NEA LSt	iMedia NEA LSt				
Tuesday, 08 April	HSC NEA MMQ CC NEA MMQ & EHA Art SBI & KWI	HSC NEA MMQ CC NEA MMQ & EHA Art SBI & KWI	HSC NEA MMQ CC NEA MMQ & EHA Art SBI & KWI		HSC NEA MMQ CC NEA MMQ & EHA Art SBI & KWI	HSC NEA MMQ CC NEA MMQ & EHA Art SBI & KWI				
Wednesday, 09 April	HSC NEA MMQ CC NEA MMQ & EHA Art RTE & KWI	HSC NEA MMQ CC NEA MMQ & EHA Art RTE & KWI	HSC NEA MMQ CC NEA MMQ Art RTE & KWI	1	HSC NEA MMQ CC NEA MMQ Art RTE & KWI	HSC NEA MMQ CC NEA MMQ Art RTE & KWI				
Thursday, 10 April			Maths DBL D11 ADO D16 English Romeo and Juliet Revision EEA History EPA & HLE	Maths DBL D11 ADO D16 English Christmas Carol Revision EEA	Maths DBL D11 ADO D16 English Christmas Carol Revision EEA					
Friday, 11 April										
	Easter Holiday Week 2									
	9-10am	10-11am	11-12pm	12-1pm	1-2pm	2-3pm				
Monday, 14 April	iMedia NEA LSt DT NEA Tma Y10 Engineering NEA JGr	iMedia NEA LSt DT NEA Tma Y10 Engineering NEA JGr	iMedia NEA LSt DT NEA Tma Y10 Engineering NEA JGr	Y11 Engineering NEA JGr & TMa	Y11 Engineering NEA JGr & TMa	Y11 Engineering NEA JGr & TMa				
Tuesday, 15 April		French & German EN & MM	French & German EN & MM	French & German EN & MM						
Wednesday, 16 April	Music CPO	Music CPO	Music CPO	Music CPO						
Thursday, 17 April	Closed									

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