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Dear Parents/Carers,



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Re: Year 11 Mock Exams and Walking Talking Mocks - English and Maths



I am writing to inform you that we have made some amendments to the start times of some of the morning exams. Furthermore, I have recently arranged for three Walking Talking Mock (WTM) exams to take place before the three core morning English and Maths exams as seen in the attached timetable. These WTM exams will be on Friday 8th, Monday 11th and Thursday 12th March and will start at 8.15am in the Sports Hall. This means your son/daughter will need to arrive at school at **8.10am** and go straight to line up, outside of the Sports Hall.



The purpose of the Walking Talking Mock exams is to enable pupils to practice for the final exam, focusing specifically on how they should deal with processes when answering exam questions. We used them last year in the run up to exams in English and Maths and pupils reported increased confidence levels which suggest they are an invaluable revision tool in the journey to exams. The Walking Talking Mock is done in the same seat and venue as the actual exam, pupils are given an exam paper which is as close to the real thing as possible and they are literally 'walked' through every question on the paper with the teacher who talks them through the smallest steps such as underlining key words, how to plan and key things to remember. I will be talking to pupils about these in more detail in their next assembly but please discuss them over half term and ensure they are clear that they must be at school earlier than usual on these days.



Can I take this opportunity to remind you of the importance of revision at this key time and that pupils should be revising regularly over half term. They now have a revision timetable which was created during registration last week and they should be following it. Regular, daily revision is imperative at this stage as the mock grades will be our most accurate picture of what the pupils are likely to achieve in the summer exams and will therefore inform planning and intervention moving forwards.



Finally, although the behaviour of most of the pupils in the exams this week has been exemplary there have been one or two incidents where a small number of pupils have had to be disqualified from an exam as they haven't followed exam protocol. In light of this, I feel I should highlight to you that any form of communication in the GCSE exam venue will result in disqualification from the exam and potentially from the entire exam series. There are very clear guidelines as to how pupils are to conduct themselves in examinations which have been made very clear to them in assembly this week. I think it is important we regularly remind pupils of exam rules and I would like to take this opportunity to ask for your support with this.



Kind regards,

Miss Argyrakis
Assistant Headteacher - Outcomes



Y11 Mock Exams: week 2 & 3 - February 2019 STUDENT

	Mon 25th February	Tue 26th February	Wed 27th February	Thur 28th February	Fri 1st March	Friday 8th March	Monday 11th March	Tuesday 12th March
P1 & P2	INSET DAY	Spanish Listening & Reading (Higher - 1h 45m, Foundation - 1h 20m) 6118 (Higher) & 612 (Foundation) 9.00 start	French Writing (1h 20m) Religious Studies P1 (1h 45m) Gym 9.00 Start	Computer Science P2 (1h 30m) Gym 9.00 Start	Religious Studies P2 (1h 45m) Gym 9.00 Start	Walking Talking Mock 8.15 – 9.00 English Language (1h 45m) Gym 9.00 Start	Walking Talking Mock 8.15 – 9.00 English Literature (2h 15m) Gym 9.00 Start	Walking Talking Mock 8.15 – 9.00 Maths P3: Calculator (1h 30m) Gym 9.00 Start
P3 & P4		No Exam	No Exam	No Exam	No Exam	No Exam	No Exam	No Exam
P5 & P6	French Listening & Reading (Higher - 1h 45m, Foundation - 1h 20m) 6117 (Higher) & 612 (Foundation) 1.15 Start	History (1h 45m) Gym 1.15 Start	Geography P3 (1h 30m) Gym 1.15 Start	Music (1h 30m) in H14 H14 1.15 Start	Maths P1: Non-Cal (1h 30m) Gym 1.15 Start	Maths P2: Calculator (1h 30m) Gym 1.15 Start	No Exam	No Exam