



3 September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Year 11 mock examinations and preparation

Mock examinations

As part of our programme for preparing year 11 students for their summer exams, we have scheduled a series of mock examinations to begin on **Monday 8 November 2021** until **Friday 19 November 2021**. These mock exams are designed to give students a realistic experience of an examination setting and a chance to judge where they need to focus their efforts on the run up to the summer 2022 exams. The timetable for these exams can be found [on the school website](#). I would encourage all students to take these exams seriously in the coming weeks and to devote quality time to revision.

Strategies for Success evening

To support families in preparing for the mock exams and to understand the key milestones for year 11 this academic year, we have organised a 'Strategies for Success' evening on **Wednesday 15 September 2021** from 6:30pm at Brockington College. During this session, Mrs Batstone and I will present on the key principles of revision, including our revision planner; how to access and use key resources to support your child such as the college revision website; and how to support your child in navigating a busy year. We will be running this session in person and I would encourage all year 11 families to attend, if possible, to ensure that you receive all the relevant guidance and that you have a chance to ask any questions you may have. The session is aimed predominantly at parents/carers, as students will also receive important information in the coming weeks at school. In order to gauge numbers for this event, I would be grateful if you could complete this survey by Tuesday 14 September 2021:

<https://forms.office.com/r/RA8wjvDjvz>

After-school revision/intervention

In the coming weeks, students will receive a programme of revision support through form time sessions aimed at helping students structure their time wisely, locate and use revision resources, and look at different revision techniques that can help them to succeed this year and beyond.

From Monday 6 September, we will be implementing our planned intervention/revision sessions with year 11 students to support them in their GCSE courses. A full timetable for the sessions, which will run until Christmas, can be found [on the school website](#). The sessions run on a two-week timetable, similar to our normal school timetable. Each day has sessions running from different departments. If your child studies more than one subject that has a session running on a certain day, they will need to make intelligent choices as to which session they are going to attend. To aid with this decision making, departments have provided some details of the content/skills that will be covered in each session. Please go through this carefully with your child and support them in making good decisions about what their priorities are going to be, and which sessions will fit best with their priorities.

Some departments are targeting certain intervention sessions at specific students. These sessions are marked "Invite Only" on the timetable. Departments will be inviting students to these sessions through their subject teacher. If your child has not been invited to a session that they feel would be of benefit to them, please ask your child to approach their subject teacher to enquire as to whether they can attend that session. If a session is NOT marked "Invite Only", then it is a revision session open to all students who take that subject.

Please note that the school buses will be running at normal times so if your child normally gets the school bus and wants to attend a revision session, then you will need to organise alternative transport for your child.

If you have any questions regarding any of the preparations for the year 11 exams or our after-school intervention program, please don't hesitate to contact either myself or Mrs Warner, the Exams Officer.

Yours sincerely

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Vice Principal

