



St. Ninian's HIGH SCHOOL

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16th October 2023

Dear Student

Re: Year 11 Internal Examinations (Mocks)

Over the week beginning 13th November 2023 all Year 11 students will sit a series of mock examinations. These exams do not lead to official grades but the results will be used along with other key assessments to generate forecast grades (the grade we think a student will achieve at the end of their course). These forecast grades are important as they are used by both UCM and Sixth Form when students are applying for onward courses, and may be used by some subjects to determine pathways for the remainder of Year 11.

Timetables

The exams team will be writing home with the final details of all examinations taking place. Students will receive individual timetables which will contain the specific details of the paper to be taken; along with the date, time, location, and seat number for each exam. Exam Board expectations will also be distributed, it is very important that you take notice of these as all mock exam will be run under formal conditions.

Tutors and subject teachers will assist students in identifying and noting when and where their exams are being held and what equipment they will need to have with them. If you have any queries in this regard, please contact your tutor or subject teacher in the first instance. Further concerns can be directed to a member of the exams team or email snhsexams@sch.im.

Study Leave

During the mock examination period all students will be on study leave for the week and only attend school when they have an assessment.

Equipment

Mock exams are run under the exact same conditions as external examinations therefore please ensure you arrive to the exam room with the correct equipment, you are not allowed to borrow, or share equipment in the exam; you must be self-sufficient. You must write in black pen and bring all additional specialist equipment required for the paper you are sitting.

Please also remember you must NOT arrive to the exam room with electrical items (Phones, airpods, etc), any kind of watch, pieces of paper (timetables, labels, packaging) or coats. These items must be stored elsewhere, or left at home.

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Preparation

Experience shows that students who fail to prepare adequately for mock exams also fail to prepare adequately for their final GCSE examinations and so we would strongly advise that the mock exam week is approached as though they are 'the real thing'. This allows for meaningful reflection and impactful changes to be made.

I know that many students will have already begun, or are planning to begin, their revision schedule; for those students who have not yet started, now is the time to really focus on preparing thoroughly. Your Tutor and class teachers will be able to advise you on how best to design revision timetables and on prioritising areas of subject knowledge and skills.

We would be most grateful if parents/guardians could continue to support and encourage students by:

- Taking an active interest in how students are preparing.
- Helping students to plan their time effectively, by designing a revision schedule.
- Providing a suitable location, time and atmosphere for students to revise at home.
- Supporting students in knowing their location and time information for each exam, as well as what equipment will be required.

Yours sincerely



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cc Parent/Guardian