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Dear Student

Re: Year 12 Internal Examinations (Mocks)

Over the week beginning 27th January 2025 Year 12 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 a key indicator to you as to whether you are on course to achieve your desired grade and to enable you to identify areas in which you may wish to seek further support.

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 your exams are being held and what equipment you will need to have with you. 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 have the option to take study leave should they wish, this will mean that you only attend school when you have an assessment. Year 12 lessons will however continue to run and therefore, should you wish to come into school, you can follow your usual timetable. During the mock examination period these lessons will be focusing on preparation for exams or, if that subject is not running a mock paper, consolidation and extension work to support the overall curriculum content and scheme of work. Should you wish to take study leave we would ask that your parent confirms this in advance via the Student Absences email address.

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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. Your subject teachers will explain to you what equipment you will be expected to have both for the mock exams and the final examinations for your course.

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.

In order to support Year 12 in being self-sufficient for their mock examinations the following checks will be taking place:

Thursday 12th January: Exam Preparation Assembly

Thursday 23rd January: Your Tutors will conduct an equipment check with the Tutor Groups. On this day you will be requested to bring in your 'exam pack' which should be in a clear pencil case.

Should you have any concerns that you will not be able to have the correct equipment for either the checks or the mock examinations please discuss this with your Tutor or Head of Year and we can explore possible solutions.

Exam Attire

As with formal examinations, you will be expected to adhere to the Sixth Form Dress Code when sitting each of your mock examinations as referenced on our school website.

<https://snhs.sch.im/pages/index/view/id/67/Dress%20Code>

Preparation

Experience shows that students who fail to prepare adequately for mock exams also fail to prepare adequately for their final examinations 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.

A copy of this letter has been sent to your parents/guardians and we hope that they, like your tutors, will support you in your preparation by discussing with you how you are:

- Approaching your revision.
- Planning your time effectively; building in rest and recuperation.
- Keeping healthy with regular exercise, fresh air, good sleep routines and a balanced diet
- Monitoring and managing your mental wellbeing

Yours faithfully



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