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Dear Parent/Carer

### Year 11 Mock Examinations November 2019

During the weeks from Monday 25 November – Monday 9 December Year 11 students will take their mock examinations.

There is no study leave for the examinations. Students who are not in an examination will be expected to attend normal lessons. The timing of each examination session is on the attached timetable.

Please check that your son/daughter is setting aside adequate time for revision and using their time productively. Research indicates that revision works best when the student interacts with the work and chooses to concentrate on the topics they find most difficult. Simply reading through notes is rarely successful. Short sessions of around 30 minutes followed by a 10 minute break before the start of the next session seems to be a successful pattern. Useful strategies include:

- Creating revision cards
- Condensing notes
- Drawing diagrams
- Practising exam questions and using mark schemes
- Testing oneself or getting someone else to test you
- Using reputable online revision sites e.g. BBC bitesize or others recommended by teachers.

There is a lot of evidence about what works well in revision, and now is the time for your son/daughter to put some of it into practice. You might find some of the following links useful.

<https://tinyurl.com/ya2yw5e3> : advice on ways to revise, and things to avoid

<https://tinyurl.com/y75qmp2c> : top 10 revision apps

<https://tinyurl.com/ya78go2w> : revision tips, including spacing and interleaving

<https://tinyurl.com/y785sysh> : the spacing effect

<https://tinyurl.com/y9o4myv8> : a guide to revision: interleaving, spacing and retrieval



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Students will need to bring all equipment necessary for the exams. This includes black pens, pencils, rubber, ruler, geometry set, scientific calculator and pencil sharpener. Equipment will not be loaned but if you wish to purchase an examination equipment pack, which includes a clear plastic wallet, pen, pencil, rubber, pencil sharpener and geometry set, these are available from the library for £1.

Mobile phones, all watches, iPods and other similar devices are banned from the Examination rooms and if brought to school MUST be left outside the exam room in the student's bag. Please note that any water bottle and pencil cases must be clear plastic with no label.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact school.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'C Bowyer'.

Miss C Bowyer  
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