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Dear Parents and Carers

**Mock Examination Final Arrangements
5th January- 13th January 2026**

The Year 11 mock examinations begin on Monday 5th January and I hope that your child has been revising hard in the final weeks of this first term in preparation. Your child has already received the examination timetable and there is a PDF version of this in their tutor classroom, if needed. Please ensure that your child checks their school email account each day, as they will be receiving information about which examination venue they are in that day as these mock examinations are taking place in both the school hall and gym. This information is also available on the morning of the exams in the school canteen.

During these mocks students will be able to place their bags next to their desk in the exam hall. If students wish to use their lockers this must be done well in advance of the start of the exam. They should have a **clear pencil case** for all exams, and a **transparent water bottle without a label**. All technology (mobile phones, iPods, AirPods, earphones/earbuds, MP3/4 players or similar) must be off and in their school bags. Please note that students are also not allowed to bring a watch of any sort into the exam room and this must also be closed within their school bag. For these mock examinations we will be using a metal detector wand to protect students from any technology mistakes, including having their mobile phones in their pockets. This will be used as students enter the examination venues and if they request to have a toilet break. This protects students from any examination malpractice which would in the summer GCSE impact the final grades. This procedure is in line with the other examination centers and is about reducing risk to all students.

Morning exams begin promptly at 8.30am, so students should be in school before 8.15am in order to be ready for admittance to the exam venue by 8.20am ahead of the beginning of the exam. Only students with exams in the afternoon examination slot will be allowed to stay in school to study, otherwise students should be working at home in preparation for the next mock examination. If your child is seriously unwell and unable to attend an exam please notify the attendance office as soon as possible and before the exam start time.

Finally please make a note of the Sixth Form Open Evening date for your diary which is taking place on Tuesday 27th January, with reports due out on Friday 23rd January 2026.

I wish you all a very merry Christmas and New Year

Kind regards

Mrs Belton Owen
Director of Studies, Year 11