

2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023

Dear Parent / Carer,

**Year 11 Mock Examinations: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November – 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023**

I am pleased to be able to share with you the final details of the mock exams that your child will complete during the upcoming mock exam period. These mock exams are an important part of the work that your child is completing to prepare for next year's GCSE summer examinations. At John O'Gaunt we want to ensure that your child is fully prepared for their examinations and we hope that you will fully support us in delivering a successful mock examination period.

These mock exams will ensure that your child fully understands the formal JCQ examination regulations, and how GCSE exams will run at John O'Gaunt School. They will also enable students to practise their revision techniques, and the feedback they receive from these mock exams will indicate where students need to focus their revision on. These examinations will provide your child's teachers with a clear indication of where they may need additional support to be able to achieve their full potential during the summer 2024 exam period.

You can find the provisional mock exam timetable below which shows all written exams that will take place during the mock period.

Day	Date	Subject	Start Time	Length	End
<b>Monday</b>	13.11.23	Art Exam	9:00	5:00	15:00
<b>Tuesday</b>	14.11.23	English Literature	9:10	2:15	11:25
		French Writing	12:00	1:15	13:15
		RS	12:00	1:00	13:00
<b>Wednesday</b>	15.11.23	Media	9:00	1:30	10:30
		Design and Technology	9:00	2:00	11:00
<b>Thursday</b>	16.11.23	Maths Paper 1 (non Calc)	9:10	1:30	10:40
		GCSE PE	11:30	1:15	12:45
<b>Friday</b>	17.11.23	Biology	9:10	1:45	10:55
		Biology (Combined)	9:10	1:15	10:25
		History	11:30	1:20	12:50

Day	Date	Subject	Start Time	Length	End
<b>Monday</b>	20.11.23	Maths Paper 2 (Calculator)	9:10	1:30	10:40
		French Speaking	11:30	0:30	12:00
<b>Tuesday</b>	21.11.23	English Language	9:10	1:45	10:55
		French Reading	11:30	1:00	12:30
		Music	11:30	1:30	13:00
<b>Wednesday</b>	22.11.23	Chemistry	9:10	1:45	10:55
		Chemistry (Combined)	9:10	1:15	10:25
		Computer Science	11:30	1:30	13:00
<b>Thursday</b>	23.11.23	Physics	9:10	1:45	10:55
		Physics (Combined)	9:10	0:45	9:55
		Geography	11:30	1:30	13:00

\* Some students' access arrangements mean that they will complete exams in a different room.

Details of exam topics will be posted on Class Charts and we would ask that you encourage your child to revise thoroughly.

### Attendance

Throughout the academic year we promote the importance of attendance to all of our students. During this mock examination period it is critical that Year 11 students attend school on time each day. Preparation and understanding of key concepts will benefit your child in succeeding in the summer examinations and will promote success in their future endeavours.

### Morning exams

Students with a morning exam should arrive at school shortly before 8:45am and join their teachers in the assembly hall. Students will then be directed to the sports hall for the examination. Examinations will commence promptly at 9:00am.

### Afternoon exams

Students may have a second exam timetabled on the same day. This will begin after break at 11:30 and should be complete by lunch time.

### Expectations

Previous mock exams have followed the expectations of the academy and of the national exam regulations which you can find outlined below:

- Students must remain in silence at all times in the examination hall, and must not attempt to communicate with any other student
- Students must not carry an electronic device - this includes mobile phones, headphones, and watches
- Students must only have a transparent water bottle or pencil case (although equipment will be provided for each examination)
- Students must leave all of their belongings in the designated area.

These are the basic expectations of the JCQ (Joint Council for Qualifications). Student misconduct during actual GCSE examinations rightly has to be reported to the examination boards, to preserve the integrity of national qualifications. Misconduct can lead to being disqualified and not receiving a grade. It is important that students experience the same conditions during mock examinations so they are familiar with them, and gain confidence and resilience tackling some relatively long papers. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with us via the academy office if you have any questions or concerns

Yours sincerely,

*P.Scutt*

**Mr Scutt**  
**Vice Principal**



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