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Dear Year 11 Parents, Carers and Students

Year 11 Trial Exams

A reminder that GCSE Trial Exams for Year 11 students begin next week on **Monday 18th November**. Students were provided with an individual timetable and summary of exam content/revision at the start of October. Tutor time sessions and time on Stop the Clock Day has been given over to support students' preparation for this important set of trial exams.

All examinations will be conducted under full JCQ regulations ([Warning-to-candidates-poster 2024 5.pdf](#)) and will be supervised by external invigilators. This mirrors how the final examinations will be operated. Students should ensure that they are fully equipped for all exams.

For these trial examinations, students will remain in the exam room until the end of the session (double lesson). This is to reduce the disruption to students who are continuing to work as there will be a number of subjects running during the same session, with different finish times. Students should therefore bring revision materials into the exam room to place under their desks. They can be used once their exam has been completed and their paper collected.

In the mornings, Year 11 students should register **in the canteen at 8.45am**. They will be released from period 3 five minutes early, at 12.30pm, to allow them to get their lunch before the rest of the school.

For afternoon exam sessions, students need to be in the canteen by **1.15pm**.

Please note that any student who misses an exam, or who does not attempt a significant proportion of an exam, will be required to attend a catch-up session.

Having set aside curriculum time for trial exams, catch-up sessions are not available during the school day as this would have further impact on subject teaching time. Catch-up sessions will be provided **after school** each day between **Monday 2nd December and Thursday 5th December**.

Students and parents will be notified on Friday 29th November about the day and exam to be caught up. Catch-up sessions will finish no later than 5.30pm.

Subject teachers will provide feedback during lessons and students will receive their grades on **Wednesday 11th December** as a mock results day. These will be shared with parents and carers alongside a full report which will be issued the following week.

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