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Dear Y11 Parent/Carer

Our Y11 students continue to work hard as we move closer to the GCSE examinations. We are very pleased with the commitment being shown and the progress being made. It is a pleasure to see students studying hard in lessons, attending extra sessions and engaging fully in the preparation for their GCSEs. There is a positive attitude amongst the students and they are to be congratulated on their hard work so far.

As part of our programme of preparation for GCSEs we have organised additional mock examinations in English, maths and science. These exams will take place from Thursday 22 March to Tuesday 27 March for most students. Arrangements are slightly different for students studying drama as they have their formal practical exam on Wednesday 28 March. I have attached a timetable for your information. All exams will be organised exactly as they will be held in the summer; this will ensure our students have the extra practice they need at taking formal exams before their actual GCSEs.

We remain focused on supporting every student to succeed and will continue to do so until the exams are completed. In the remaining weeks, students will be very busy completing key elements that contribute to their GCSEs before the written papers begin. This will vary depending on what subjects they study but could include a range of different tasks and practical examinations (e.g. art exam, photography exam, drama practical, language orals, and Design & Technology completion of products/folder work). It is important that students meet deadlines and ensure they make the best effort possible with each of these activities. Almost every subject area is currently offering revision lessons at lunchtimes and / or after school; please encourage your child to attend as often as possible. In addition, the school library is open every break, lunchtime and after school for any student wishing to complete homework or revise independently. Y11 form tutors are running GCSE preparation sessions every morning and we are also mentoring a large number of students. There is a mindfulness course running for identified students and we are currently organising some intensive revision days for the coming weeks.

In order to support you during this exam period we would like to invite you to a Parents Meeting on Tuesday 20 March at 6.00pm in the school hall. We will be sharing with you some ideas on how to support students during the GCSE examination period. This will be an ideal opportunity to ask any questions you have about the forthcoming examination period. We look forward to welcoming you to that meeting. In case you cannot join us the following web site is extremely useful and has some valuable tips for parents: <https://revisionapp.co.uk/gcse-revision-essential-guide-parents/>

Once again, thank you very much for your support at this crucial time. This can be a very challenging time for both students and parents and we are keen to work closely with you to ensure a smooth experience in the coming weeks. If you have any queries, questions or concern please do not hesitate to contact us at school.

Yours faithfully



**Ms E Robins**  
**Deputy Headteacher**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Session 1</b> Period 1 / Period 2	<b>Session 2</b> Period 3 / Period 4
Thursday 22 March	<b>English Language</b> 1hr 45min	<b>Chemistry</b> 1hr 15min / 1hr 45min
Friday 23 March	<b>Biology</b> 1hr 15 min / 1hr 45min	<b>Mathematics 1</b> 1hr 30min
Monday 26 March	<b>Physics</b> 1hr 15min / 1hr 45min	<b>Mathematics 2</b> 1hr 30min
	<b>Drama Rehearsal</b> (for GCSE Drama group)	
Tuesday 27 March	<b>English Literature</b> 2hr	<b>Mathematics 3</b> 1hr 30min
Wednesday 28 March	<b>GCSE Drama practical</b>	
Thursday 29 March	<b>Physics</b> 1hr 15min / 1hr 45min <b>For GCSE Drama students</b>	