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Dear Parents and Carers,

November 2022 RE: GCSE Mock Exams

I am pleased to be able to share with you the final details of the November mock exams that your child will complete over two weeks between Monday 14 November and Thursday 24 November. These mock exams are an important part of the work that your child is completing to prepare for their GCSE summer examinations. At Parkside, we want to ensure that your child is thoroughly prepared for the summer examinations.

These mock exams will ensure that your child fully understands the formal JCQ examination regulations, and how GCSE exams will run at Parkside.

During mentor time, students have been learning and implementing revision techniques, and will continue to do so.

These exams will enable students to practice these revision techniques, and the feedback that they receive from the mock exams will indicate the areas where students need to focus their revision. They will also 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 2022 exam period, including being directed to any additional after school intervention sessions. You can find the mock exam timetable below which shows all written exams which will take place during the mock period.

Date	AM Exam	PM Exam
Monday 14 November	English Language	Maths
Tuesday 15 November	English Literature	Engineering
Wednesday 16 November	Combined Science Biology Separate Science Biology	History (Saxon)
Thursday 17 November	Geography Component 1	Spanish Writing
Friday 18 November	Maths	History (Weimar Germany)
Monday 21 November	Combined Science Chemistry Separate Science Chemistry	Geography Component 2
Tuesday 22 November	Combined Science Physics Separate Science Physics	Spanish Reading
Wednesday 23 November	Spanish speaking	Spanish speaking
Thursday 24 November	Maths	

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 at 8.35am, each day, in order for the exam process to run smoothly and for students to make the most of the experience. If your child is entitled to extra time, for some afternoon exams, they may be required to stay after school until 3.20pm in order to complete their exam. Details of this will be included on individual timetables which will be distributed in the first week after half-term.

Expectations

All students must follow the expectations of Parkside and of the national exam regulations which are 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. These items will be collected prior to the exam and stored in a safe place.
- Students must only have a transparent water bottle, or pencil case. There should be no writing or markings on either. We will provide all equipment for students, but we will not be providing water. We would be grateful if your child could bring a transparent water bottle to the exam to stay hydrated.
- Students must leave any other belongings in the designated area outside of the exam room.
- Students must listen carefully to the exam invigilators, and follow their instructions in full.
- Students must arrive promptly for the start of their examinations. In the real GCSE examinations, very late arrivals must be reported to the exam board, who will then decide if their paper will be accepted.

These are the basic expectations of the JCQ (Joint Council for Qualifications). Student misconduct during actual GCSE examinations must be reported to the examination boards, to preserve the integrity of national qualifications. Misconduct can lead to being disqualified and not receiving a grade in one or more exams. In the worse cases, it may also lead to a disqualification from that exam board for a number of years. It is important that students experience the same conditions during mock examinations so that they are familiar with them, and gain confidence and resilience tackling some relatively long papers.

Full details of the JCQ regulations can be found at <https://www.jcq.org.uk/exams-office/information-for-candidates-documents/>, or via the links on our website, www.parkside.derbyshire.sch.uk, school overview, examination information.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me via lasher@parkside.derbyshire.sch.uk if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours faithfully,

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