



October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 11 November Mock Examination information

Core Mock Examinations 13th November – 17th November

As we know Y11 is an important year for students, so to ensure that they are fully prepared for their GCSE examinations in the summer, we have scheduled mock examinations. There are two mock examination windows this academic year, one in the Autumn Term (November) and one in the Spring Term.

The first of these windows is taking place in November. Core subjects of Maths, English and Science mock examinations will take place Monday 13th November to Friday 17th November, in full examination conditions. All other (non BTEC) subjects will be conducting examinations in their classes in the two weeks either side of this core mock window.

Our core values of "Work Hard," "Be Kind," and "Take Responsibility" are not just words on paper; they are the guiding values that shape our school culture and the foundation upon which we build a supportive and enriching educational experience for all our students. I am therefore asking parents/guardians to support us in ensuring your child **'Works Hard'** and **'Takes Responsibility'** to achieve the very best they can do in these upcoming assessments.

The advantages of mock examinations for students, include:

- Being able to familiarise themselves with the process & environment supporting their well-being and mental health, when faced with exam conditions. For any further advice or guidance on how to support your child with coping, please see the link to youngminds <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/young-person/coping-with-life/exam-stress/>
- Understand the structure and format of papers and questions. From these they can develop their ability to answer the questions, whilst identifying and knowing which areas to target, to improve.

Preparation for the mock examinations & assessments

- All subject teachers will have informed your child on the revision materials and key content that they need to focus on for this round of assessments. To also keep parents informed, we have put together a brief topic list that can be found at the end of this letter.
- Dedicated revision for these mocks started 9th October, and a timetable for these was shared in a previous letter. I thank you for your support in encouraging attendance to these sessions.
- During form time, all pupils were guided through the process of making a revision timetable for these upcoming assessments, as well as having sessions on how to revise. Each pupil should be following their revision timetable to allow them to cover each subject as part of their revision ahead of these assessments.

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Schedule for Core Mock Examinations

	Topics Covered in Mock Examinations	Examination Date
English	Literature Paper 1 - A Christmas Carol (extract question with reference to the novel as a whole) and Macbeth (extract question with reference to the play as a whole)	Monday 13 th November PM
	Language paper 2 - Reading and Writing [unseen material] This paper will be based on two non-fiction texts. The non-fiction texts will include writing from the 19th century and 20th or 21st century text.	Wednesday 15 th November AM
Maths	Paper 1: Non-Calculator	Tuesday 14 th November AM
	Paper 2: Calculator	Thursday 16 th November AM
	Paper 3: Calculator	Friday 17 th November PM
	Students have been provided with a detailed checklist that aligns with their examination board, Edexcel, that can be found in the revision folder on their iPad	
Science	Combined Science Biology Separate Science Biology	Tuesday 14 th November PM
	Combined Science Chemistry Separate Science Chemistry	Thursday 16 th November PM
	Combined Science Physics Separate Science Physics	Friday 17 th November AM
	Students have been provided with a detailed checklist that aligns with their examination board, AQA, that can be found in the revision folder on their iPad	

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Schedule: Non-Core In-class examinations

Topics to be revised for in-class mock examinations	
Business Studies	Paper 1: Topics Covered - Ownership / Stakeholders / Growth / Entrepreneurs / Business plans / Objectives / Market research / 4p's / Recruitment / Organisational structures
Computer Science	Component 1 – Hardware, Logic, Algorithms, Programming, Software Development, Programme Construction & Networks Students have been provided with a detailed checklist that aligns with their examination board that can be found in the revision folder on their iPad
Geography	A combination paper of 1 paper (Physical Geography) and Paper 2 (Human Geography) 55 mark in total Topics to be revised are: Paper 1: 1. Natural Hazards 2. Coastal Environments Paper 2: 1. Urban Environments [Rio] including Squatter Settlements 2. Economic Development in Brazil Students have been provided with a subject specific revision guide that covers these topics. This can also be found electronically in the revision folder on Showbie on their iPad
History	Paper1: 44 Marks 1. WWI Students will complete an 'essay' question on WW1 2. Nazi Germany 3. Source Based Question on the Great Depression
MFL	A Reading Paper - Prepare for an unseen topic A Writing Paper: 20 marks – Prepare for questions on holidays and school
Technology	Paper covering the following topics: - Timbers - Polymers - Manufactured boards - Smart Materials - Composites - New and emerging technologies - Types of motion - Linkages - Levers

If you have any questions regarding the upcoming assessments, please do not hesitate to contact the school via enquires@thecoleshillschool.org.

Yours faithfully

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